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HITLER THREATENS AMERICA

DESPITE FUEHRER'S FURY

'HANDS OFF EUROPE' : U.S. TO AID BRITAIN

WILL NOT TAKE INTERVENTION LYING DOWN

Warns Change Of Policy Will Follow In Case Of Help To Britain

LONDON, Jan. 30.

As a curtain-raiser to Hitler's speech this afternoon Goering issued a proclamation to the German people stressing Hitler's and Germany's achievements in which he declared, according to the German radio: "The nation must with gratitude to its leaders reaffirm its loyalty and determination to fulfil its duty to the uttermost."

Hitler was given a prolonged ovation, when accompanied by Dr. Goebbels he arrived at the Berlin "Sportpalast" to deliver his speech.

Chiefs of armed forces, Cabinet Ministers and leading members of the Party were on the stage, which was decorated with the usual Nazi emblems.

Dr. Goebbels declared the meeting open and said: "We know difficult weeks and months are ahead, but you, my Fuehrer, can rely upon the German people."

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST BRITAIN

Hitler began in a solemn and deliberate tone with the usual lengthy historical review, and said that American scholars entrusted by President Roosevelt with the tasks of examining the causes of the world war had established that Germany was free from guilt.

Hitler went on to allege that the British Empire was created "in 300 years of brute force." War after war was waged by Britain.

British aspirations for world domination, he said, had been frustrated by the rise of the European nations—Germany and Italy.

To check this rise, according to the Fuehrer, Britain started the war of 1914.

MANDATE FROM NATION

"Germany was never defeated in the last war" her failure was due to a unique accumulation of personal incapacity. The German nation has learned from this lesson, and it has not forgotten anything either. German democracy was a miserable conception. The only constructive ideas were found in the Nationalist and Socialist Camps, which fought each other bitterly. These two camps had to be brought together, and we have achieved this consolidation."

The Nazi Party, he said, was built "purely by persuasion. National Socialism conquered democracy in a democracy and by democracy. I received my mandate from the German nation."

ABOLITION OF "VERSAILLES"

His foreign policy said Hitler, could be summarised in one sentence "the abolition of Versailles. My innumerable speeches and memoranda were animated by a single idea—to achieve a peaceful revision of the treaty, but the League of Nations mistook a former soldier for the old traitors of 1918. My peaceful efforts failed,

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NO GRAND NATIONAL

LONDON, Jan. 30.

The world-renowned Steeplechase Grand National will not be run this year and probably not again until after the war.

Mr. Herbert Morrison told the House of Commons that he had considered a proposal to hold a substitute Grand National at Cheltenham instead of the normal venue, Aintree but had reached the conclusion that this fixture was undesirable.—Reuter.

Fuehrer's Plan For Spring 'Offensive'

Italian Dockyards Busy For Submarine Campaign

A Nazi version of world history with Hitler advertised as a 'man of peace' and Britain playing the role of the 'die-hard Imperialist', was the main feature of the Fuehrer's speech on Thursday at the Berlin Sportpalast to celebrate the eighth anniversary of his coming to power.

Hitler gave a warning to the United States to stay out of the war. "Europe will resist," he said, "any attempt by the American States to intervene in the European war. German and Italian peoples could not be separated by British propaganda, he declared, nor the Italian people from the Duce because of "a few misfortunes."

Except for a spring offensive by submarines, the Fuehrer gave no undertakings as to the future conduct of the war, but promised that "wherever we can strike at Britain we shall strike".

This threat of renewed submarine offensive, coupled with the news of hurried conversion of big Italian liners into cruisers and the probable meeting of Franco and Hitler shows the shape of things to come in Spring.

HITLER HAS NO OTHER WAY OUT

The gravity of the situation was emphasised by Mr. Duff-Cooper, Minister for Information in an interview.

When asked if he thought invasion of Britain would be attempted Mr. Cooper said: "Invasion is Hitler's only hope, though we know it is foredoomed to failure. Britain is better defended to-day than in all its history. The Army is more numerous and far better equipped than anything which has yet faced the Nazi hands. We have supremacy in the air by day and command of the sea. To invade us now would be the most hazardous military undertaking ever attempted; but, driven to despair, Hitler will think soon to make the attempt. We will make the attempt in the very near future, because Hitler must realise now that the situation improves every day for us while his position worsens."

Hitler.

Summing up the dangers which Britain faces, the Minister listed them as submarine warfare, night bombing and invasion. "The submarine menace," he said, "is the greatest, but in this war, as in the last it can be surmounted. Night bombing will also find its cure, but the policy of burning houses, offices and churches, cannot help Hitler to win the war, whatever the civilian damage and suffering may be."

Referring to Italy, Mr. Cooper said: "Mussolini's declaration of war on France and Britain was the most inexcusable misdeed that any dictator in history has ever perpetrated. In the near future, therefore, we can expect that Italy will be knocked out of the war altogether."

NAZI DESIGN ON EIRE

What Berlin Attributes To Her Enemy Is Her Own Plan

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Jan. 30.

Berlin has come out again with the statement that England is scheming to invade Eire and that Mr. Churchill is holding his hand only until the American Congress has passed President Roosevelt's Lend and Lease Bill to aid Britain.

Remarks like this in the past have indicated that Germany intends to do exactly what she accused her enemy of planning.

FRANCO TO MEET HITLER?

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, Jan. 30.

Vichy dispatches have reported that General Franco may see Hitler soon. But this is denied in Berlin.

ITALIAN LINERS TO BECOME CRUISERS

LONDON, Jan. 30.

According to messages reaching London, Rome correspondents of Swiss newspapers say that several large Italian liners, including "The Rex" are undergoing hurried reconstruction by day and night working to be put into service as merchant cruisers.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON BRITAIN IN FEBRUARY?

NEW YORK Jan. 30.

An attack on Britain early in February is expected by competent observers at Vichy, says the "New York Times" correspondent at Vichy. He says that the currents and tides in the channel are more favourable than at any other time of the year. Travellers arriving in unoccupied France from Holland and Belgium, the correspondent says, confirm reports of intensive preparations of all kinds. He adds that there is much talk of new engines of war, both for use in the air and on the ground.—Reuter.

PESHAWAR: The name of Mr. M. A. Jinnah, was unanimously recommended for presidentship of the Muslim League for the ensuing year by the Working Committee of the Frontier Provincial Muslim League.—A. P.

NEW DEAL FOR SATYAGRAHIS?

MADRAS, Jan. 30.

The Nellore correspondent of the "Hindu" says:—

In pursuance, it is stated, of orders from the Local Government communicated to the police yesterday afternoon not to arrest unimportant Satyagrahis whose action might not have any appreciable effect, the police who arrested one man at Sulurpet yesterday for shouting anti-war slogans decided not to file a charge sheet against him and let him off the same evening.—A. P.

BOSE MYSTERY DEEPENS

CALCUTTA, Jan. 30

The mystery of Mr. Subhas Bose's disappearance is deepening with every hour. It is now four days since he was found missing from his room.

Mr. Bose's friends and relatives seem to have recovered from the first shock and have intensified their enquiries. Not satisfied with the information appearing in the newspapers large number of people are visiting Mr. Bose's residence and having a look round his room. A tiger's skin, half-burned incense sticks a silk cloth which is supposed to have been left behind by Mr. Bose, have become objects of attraction.

Messengers sent to South India and some other parts of the city report that Mr. Bose is nowhere to be traced.

Anxious enquiries from places far and wide are still pouring in.

While there is no reliable news about Mr. Bose's whereabouts, various rumours are cropping up. Last night a rumour gained some currency at Chinsurah (Hooghly) that Mr. Bose was seen performing a "Homa" on the banks of the Tribeni in the northern part of the district. Enquiries made by relatives showed that it was not Mr. Bose, but a Sannyasi who looked like Mr. Bose from a distance.—A. P.

Tagore's Anxiety For Subhas

CALCUTTA, Jan. 30.

Great anxiety in Mr. Bose's sudden disappearance is expressed by Dr. Rabindra Nath Tagore.

In a telegram to Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, received here today, the Poet says "deeply concerned over Subhas's disappearance. Convey to mother my sympathy. Kindly keep me informed of news".—A. P

NO TOTAL IMPORT OF TOTALITARIAN PRACTICES TO JAPAN!

TOKYO, Jan. 30.

"I believe that it is wrong to attempt to apply totalitarian practices to Japan without modifications", Prince Konoye, the Prime Minister, said in the Lower House to-day replying to a question.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

FIERCE FIGHTING IN CHINA

SHANGHAI, Jan. 30.

Very fierce fighting is raging in Southern Honan Province in North-east China to-day following the launching by the Japanese of a large scale offensive. It is admitted in Chungking that severe fighting is in progress.—Reuter.

SABATEURS IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.

An organised corps of saboteurs in the United States was discovered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.—Reuter.

Vindicate Freedom Of Press

Mahatma's Appeal To Editors On Eve Of Delhi Conference

BOMBAY Jan. 30.

Mahatma Gandhi has indicated to editors of newspapers certain ways of signifying their disapproval of the Government of India's policy regarding publication of some types of statements.

He suggests that newspapers can publish such statements and risk the consequences or stop publication of their newspapers altogether by way of protest.—A. P.

PRECIOUS LIBERTY OF PRESS

WARDHA, Jan. 29.

"As I had no intention of extending Civil Disobedience to the special press laws and ordinance, I stopped the three Harijan weeklies, whose chief aim was to propagate non-violence and what is known as the constructive programme. I do not want so far as possible to extend the scope of Civil Disobedience beyond the present limit but I do not know that I can exercise that restraint if the Press abdicates its function of publishing relevant news," says Mahatma Gandhi in a letter addressed to the editors of newspapers in India.

Mahatma Gandhi appeals to the press not to succumb "to the gag but to assert its independence by publishing all Satyagraha news in its fullness."

He adds that it is open to the editors to criticise and condemn the movement or the statements that may be issued. "Editors can signify their disapproval of the gag by either publishing the offending statement and risking prosecution or even confiscation of the Press or by stopping publication of their papers altogether by way of protest. These are only two out of the many ways for signifying our disapproval."

DUTY OF DELHI MEETING

Mahatma Gandhi refers to the forthcoming meeting of the Standing Committee of the Editors at Delhi and says: "The Committee is expected fearlessly to vindicate the liberty of the Press. It must cease to be the power it should be, if it submits to suppression of free public opinion."

Mahatma Gandhi says the responsibility of those editors that represent the British-owned press in India is very great at the present moment.

NO LOVER OF NAZISM

Mahatma Gandhi concludes by saying that he represents "unadulterated non-violence whose spread can do nobody any harm. It is false and cruel to suggest that I could have anything in common with Nazism or Fascism because I happen to oppose Imperialism."—A. P.

Mahatma Gandhi.

MAHATMA'S AFRICAN FRIEND AT WARDHA

WARDHA, Jan 30.

Sir Robert Holland, Gandhiji's old friend in Africa, arrived here this morning and left in the evening by the Napgur Mail. It is reported that his visit was personal.

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur left this morning for Benares in connection with the forthcoming All-India Students' Conference. She will return to Wardha after a week's absence.—United Press.

Derna Garrison Escapes

CAIRO, Jan. 30.

Derna was captured in a series of minor actions lasting two or three days. It is believed that the Italian garrison numbered 10,000, the majority of whom probably escaped.—Reuter.

Thai-Indo-China Armistice

Peace Talks Commence On Board Japanese Warship

BANGKOK, Jan. 30.

Hostilities have now ceased barring minor clashes in a few sectors, announces a Thailand High command 'communique'.

Thailand casualties since the outbreak of the fighting, are given as 100 killed and 300 wounded.

Armistice Talks

Armistice negotiations between Thailand and French Indo-China began at 6 p.m. yesterday aboard a Japanese warship off Saigon, says a Saigon dispatch to the Domei Agency.

Following a brief speech by Major-General Sumita, Chief of the Japanese Military Mission and Chairman of the Japanese Delegation to the talks, the delegates had half an hour's exchange of views and adjourned.

They are to meet again to-day. It is expected in Tokio that frontier demarcation will be discussed, but the first question is likely to be about the Thailand troop now in Indo-China.—Reuter.

Another British War Budget

LONDON, Jan. 30.

The House of Commons will shortly be presented with a request for another heavy vote of credit for financing the war expenditure, says Reuter's political correspondent.

He adds it is expected that it will be for 1,000 million sterling and is regarded as an indication of the growing strength of the British war effort. This will be the third vote of credit presented in the current financial year, the other two amounting to 2,000 million sterling.

Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in presenting the vote, will outline Britain's present financial position and possibly give an indication of his intentions in the coming budget.—Reuter.

READY TO RISK HOSTILITIES WITH NAZIS

House Goes Ahead With The Bill To Support Democracies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.

Mr. James Gerrard, who was United States Ambassador to Germany from 1913 until the United States entered the world war, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that he favoured American declaration of war against Germany. He predicted that the Nazis would seize Mexico, if Britain were defeated.

Replying to further questions Mr. Gerrard said that a declaration of war might not actually be necessary provided President Roosevelt was given full powers under the Lease and Lend bill to aid Britain.

LEASE AND LEND BILL APPROVED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.

President Roosevelt's Lease and Lend Bill to aid the democracies was to-day approved by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, which was earlier reported to have rejected an amendment placing a limit of two thousand million dollars on Lease and Lend proposals.—Reuter.

U. S. Foreign Affairs Committee Fixes Limit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.

The House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee in a secret session on Wednesday fixed a limit expiring on June 30, 1943 for the President's Lease and Lend Bill.

An amendment to insert an outright ban on the use of United States warships for convoy duties was rejected by the Committee but it approved an amendment to the effect that the Bill "neither authorises nor permits" such convoying.

Another revision made by the Committee requires regular reports to be submitted to the Congress on the working of the measure.

Fifteen other amendments were rejected by the Committee.—Reuter.

AMERY HAS NOTHING TO ADD!

LONDON, Jan. 30.

In the House of Commons asked by Mr. Sorensen whether he had any further statement to make respecting the political conditions in India, Mr. Amery said that he had nothing to add to the reply given to two similar questions on January 21.

Mr. Sorensen also asked how many persons were now in prison or custody for offences arising out of their political convictions.

Mr. Amery replied that he presumed Mr. Sorensen was referring to persons convicted under the Defence Rules for speeches or writings prejudicial to the efficient prosecution of the war. He was not in a position to give the total number of those at present still undergoing sentences of imprisonment but the number of persons convicted since the start of Mr. Gandhi's Civil Disobedience Campaign upto January 15 was 957, of whom a certain number must by now have completed their sentences.

"I must remind Mr. Sorensen that the great majority of these persons are in prison at their own wish and as a result of action taken by them with the declared intention of receiving a prison sentence."—Reuter.

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MR. ENGINEER TO PAY RS. 1,000 DAMAGES

Mrs. Murzban Wins Libel Suit "Aflatoon" Controversy Sequel

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The suit filed by Mrs. Mitha Rustomji Murzban, a social worker and physical culture instructor, against Mr. Nassarwanji Engineer, Editor of "Kom Sevak," for alleged libel and slander published in that paper on September 22 last, was decided to-day, when Mr. Justice B. J. Wadia awarded damages of Rs. 1,000 to the plaintiff.

The alleged libel and slander of the plaintiff were in connection with the staging of the Gujarati play, "Aflatoon," which raised a controversy in the Parsi community as to whether it was proper for Parsi girls to appear on the stage.

The plaintiff alleged that her action in inviting Parsi girls to join her in staging the play in aid of the War Fund was maliciously and falsely criticised and that she was falsely and maliciously slandered by Mr. Engineer, at a public meeting at Sir C. J. Hall. She, therefore, claimed Rs. 5,000 as damages and sought an injunction against the defendant from repeating the kind of libel complained of.

The defendant's case was that the comments were made in good faith and for the good of the community.

The Court refused to pass an injunction against the defendant holding that there was no evidence to establish any likelihood of a repetition of the libel complained of.

Mr. J. H. Vakeel with Mr. H. R. Pardiwala appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. J. B. Patel with Mr. S. A. Desai appeared for the defendant.

DROPPING THE HINT GENTLY!

Goering's Paper On Italian Collapse

LONDON, (By Cable.)

The Geneva Correspondent of the "Evening Standard" cables:

Goering's newspaper, the "Essener National Zeitung," prepares the German public for the eventual downfall of the Italian Colonial Empire.

Referring to the fall of Kassala the paper says: "Germany too learnt during the World War that a colonial empire, cut off from the mothercountry, could not hold out against an adversary with extensive reserves of land and water."

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V. J. T. STRIKE AND HOW TO END IT

A Word To The Managing Board

(From Our Staff Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Friday will decide the fate of the strike in the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute. The Managing Board is scheduled to meet on that day and a final decision on the issue involved in the action of students is expected. Whether that decision will be a concession of the students' demands or a rejection of them, it is not profitable to speculate on. On the eve of the meeting of the Board, I, however, venture to repeat the suggestion that I made the other day for what it is worth. The suggestion is:

Pending a fresh review of the whole question of medical aid in relation to the conditions in the Institute, the medical fees levied on the Hostel students should be kept in abeyance.

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The strike continues; but it has taken a new turn. It was called, it will be remembered, on the initiative of Hostel students and was being conducted by the Hostel Students' Union. Following an interview with the Principal of the Institute on Saturday, the Union representatives decided to call off the strike. The majority of the hostelites, it would appear, were in favour of this. But the strike was not confined to them. They had asked for sympathetic action from all students and had got it in the amplest measure. The General meeting of all students on Monday repudiated the decision to call off the strike and voted for a new Committee and Council of Action. The old committee was replaced by a new one of 19 members and a new "Council of Action".

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The strike is now two weeks old. The unity and solidarity amongst the students have been remarkable. But from Tuesday there has been a change and small wonder that anxiety is writ large on a number of faces, where they used to be so full of smiles and diffused an air of self-confidence. The decision of the Hostel Students' Union representatives to call off the strike was taken after an interview with Principal. He seems to have given assurance of sympathetic consideration of their demand accompanied by the additional assurance that there would be no victimisation of any kind. It is not clear what he told them about the medical fee which is at the bottom of the whole trouble.

Ordinarily, if the Hostel Students are satisfied in that respect—and they must have been, since they were willing to call off the strike—and were willing to resume normal duties, there should have been no complaint from the other students. In the present case what makes them hold out, is difficult to understand. Is it the fear of victimisation? Do they apprehend that the strike period may impair their record of attendance? The demands formulated by the new Strike Committee seem to convey an under-current of fear in these respects.

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The Board that meets on Friday has a duty to perform. It is not enough it takes a decision. The decision must be an offer for settlement on a fair and reasonable basis. Let the medical fee be kept in abeyance for the present and the students assured that there will be no compulsion in its payment. Those who willingly pay may do so, and in such cases there should be no interference from other students. Let the students be assured that there will be no victimisation in the form of rustication or fines. And let them also be assured that the strike period will not in any way be made an excuse to detain them in the case of students who are short of attendance. These are the main issues in the situation. If these assurances are given in a satisfactory way,—say, by way of a notice on the notice board of the Institute,—I presume there will be no more case for the strike to continue. The question is: Will the Board view the situation with large-hearted sympathy?

V. J. T. I. STRIKE CONTINUES

The Principal as well as the students of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute seem to be unyielding, there being not the slightest possibility of any kind of an amicable settlement.

The Principal has notified that those students who are receiving scholarships will forfeit their rights as absentees if they do not return to their classes immediately.

The students have retaliated by launching a fund to aid such students as will be victimised by the order of the Principal.

And though the strike has now gone into its second week, neither the Principal nor the students seem to be worried about the valuable studies lost on account of the existing chaos.

The situation is getting worse day by day and the parents of the boys describe the affair as a scandal worthy of the attention of the Director of Public Instruction or some responsible immediate authority of the Educational Department.

Some students have, it is understood, decided to fast unto death if the Board of Trustees of the Institute do not consider the matter in their favour.

V. J. T. I. STRIKE

Appeal To Public

The Hon. Secretaries, V. J. T. I. Students' Union writes:—

The glaring instance of flouting flagrantly the joint and incessant appeals redressing an admittedly righteous cause of the students of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute Matunga is well-known to the public.

The following facts speak for themselves in justification of the students' prolonged strike for the last fortnight.

The resident students of the Institute were deprived of medical aid since the death of the then Superintendent late Dr. S.M. Joshi in September 1937, who also catered to the medical needs of the hostelites. In response to numerous representations to the authorities concerned they acceded to the demands for the service of a Medical Officer and a telephone in June 1940. Students' opinion was consulted with respect to the payment of extra telephone charge of Rs. 1-8 per head per annum. But a surcharge of Rs. 7 per annum per head was levied subsequently without the consultation of the students whatsoever for reasons best known to the authorities.

The students paid their first term fees inclusive of all extra charges under the verbal assurance of sympathetic consideration of their appeals for the removal of unprecedented medical fees. The authorities turned a deaf ear to fresh appeals and occasional reminders and ordered to pay the fees as before. This time the students resolved not to pay the hostel rent till the redressal of their just grievance. The authorities remained adamant. Subsequently the students were forced to hold out a general strike and are continuing the same for the past sixteen days. No emergent meeting of the Board of Trustees was held up till now and it is rumoured that the consideration of the gravity of the situation does not come in the agenda of the meeting of the Board on the 31st of January '41. If the above proves true and no justice is meted out three students have solemnly taken vow to begin complete hunger strike unto death after the decision. They decided it long before. The strike committee is withholding this action with great difficulty and will not be able to refrain them from doing so of their own accord. The students of the V. J. T. I. beseech every possible help from the public to save the three young souls before they are called away from this world.

GOVT. TO ACQUIRE MOTOR LORRIES

NEW DELHI, Jan. 29

The Government of India have decided to acquire by purchase in different provinces private load-carrying vehicles to meet the shortage of such vehicles for training purposes. Where the required number is not forthcoming on a voluntary basis, compulsory purchase is provided for.

A communique announcing the decision says: The Government of India consulted Provincial Governments, who have readily agreed to co-operate in procuring for the army load-carrying vehicles in the numbers required. The proportion of the total to be acquired in each Province will be carefully related to Provincial resources.

By a Gazette Notification, dated January 25, 1941, powers under Rule 83 of the Defence of India Rules have been delegated to enable Provincial Governments to purchase outright from members of the public the types of vehicles required.

Compulsory purchase is provided for only where the required vehicles are not forthcoming on a voluntary basis.

In order to ease any hardship which may arise from the application of this measure, District Commanders have been empowered to arrange for recruiting to the army any drivers put out of work, if they should wish to join up and are regarded suitable.

—A.P.

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On The Air

FRIDAY, JAN. 31.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Munni. 5-20 Barwa on Violin. 5-30 Sohan Singh. 5-45 Lachhi Ram. 6-15 Munni. 6-30 These Too Have Humour, 2: Humorous talk in Hindustani. 6-45 For Villagers only. 7-45 Lakshman Prasad. 8 Majlis-i-Aza relayed from Lucknow. 8-30 World Affairs: Talk relayed from B B C. 8 45 Hanuman Prasad. 9-45 Shankara on Violin. 9-55 Munni. 10-5 Lakshman Prasad. 10-25 Preet ke Geet.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Gopendra and Amar: Flute and Mandolin: Film tune. 8-5 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Yoga on the Air 8-32 Khurshid. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in Eng. 9 Abdul Rehman and Party. 9-15 Panditrao Nagarkar. 9-35 Readings from Marathi books. 9-40 Saguna Kalyanpur. 12-30 p.m. Ghazals. 12-57 News in Hind. 1 Movie music. 1-10 Naats. 1-20 Mutual Understanding. 1-30 News in Eng. 1-35 Lunch hour music. School Broadcasts: 4-15 Science: Talk. 4-35 A Flute recital. 4-40 Music lesson. 5 Tomorrow. 5-5 Jagdish G. Shaligram. 5-20 Venkatswamy Naidu: Violin. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Guj. 5-35 Bai Sundra Bai. 5-55 Des on Violin. 6 News in Eng. 6-5 News in Hind. 6-10 R. Ramnathker. 6-30 Children's Half-Hour (Engl) 7 Berlinchya Batmya: Talk in Mara. 7-15 Jagdish G. Shaligram. 7-25 Talk of the town. 7-30 Abdul Rehman Kanchwala. 7-45 Sazon ki Jhankar. 7-55 News in Mara. 8-10 News in Guj. 8-25 Topic of the day. 8-30 World Affairs relayed from B B C. 8-45 Sound-News. 9 News in Hind. 9-20 News in Eng. 9-30 B B C news relay. 10 Abdul Rehman Kanchwala. 10-10 Panditrao Nagarkar. 10-30 Saguna Kalyanpur.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bom. 1. 8-5 Duets. 8-15 Alap and Asthai. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Bom. 1. 8-40 Bal Sundra Bai. 8-55 Surbahar solo. 9 to 10 As in Bom. 1.

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

12-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Bom. 1. 12-57 Sitar, Jaltarang and Violin. 1 to 1-30 As in Bom. 1. 1-30 Musical interlude. 1-35 to 2-25 As in Bom. 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

4-15 to 5-25 p.m. As in Bom. 1. 5-25 Pad in Peelu. 5-35 to 6 As in Bom. 1. 6 Kannada duet. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bom. 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 7-55 As in Bom. 1. 7-55 Panditrao Nagarker. 8-25 to 9 As in Bom. 1. 9 Bhavgeet and Marsia. 9-30 Art Players. 10 Gretel Sommer: Violin. 10-15 Art Players. 10-30 Webster Booth with the London Philharmonic Orchestra. 10-35 Hilde Feldberg: Soprano.

Calcutta I—Programme

(Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time).

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

5 p.m. For the children. 6-5 Girls and boys come out to play. 6-40 Agami Kal: Social drama. 9 Ratnamala Sen 10 Ila Ghose. 10-20 Sukhendu Goswami.

Hyderabad Programme

(411 metres, 730 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. For children. 7-45 "Extracts from Urdu Classics." 8 News in Urdu. 8-20 News in Eng.

B. B. C. Programme

(4-12 to 10-5 a.m. 25.38, 25.53 and 31.32 metres; 4-10 p.m.; 13.93 and 16.86m.; from 7-30 to midnight 19.82, 25.53 and 31.55 m.)

16-30 News. 16-45 Questions of hour by O. Stewart. 17 Scottish Orch. 17-30 N. Hannen in adventures of Alonzo Mactavish. 17-45 London's Barrel Organs. 18 Theatreland. 18-30 News. 19 Talk: Books and People. 19-30 Geraldo Orch—Hind. prog. on GSG and GSF. 20 E. Coast Convoy. 20-30 World Affairs: Talk by Wickham Steed. 20-45 Hungarian Orch. (L. Voss). 21-15 Irish Part songs (Q. I.M.V. Choir). 21-30 News. 21-45 Questions of Hour by O. Stewart.

HIS FINAL RESIGNATION?

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30.

The Regent of Tibet has resigned, according to a report received here. It appears that he had threatened to do so several times in the past, and it remains to be seen whether his decision is final now and what effect it will have on the country.

A Regent is in charge during the minority of the Dalai Lama. —A. P

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Madras Mail	6-0	22-0
Peshawar Express	6-15	22-45
Calcutta Mail via Nagpur	8 55	18-10
Calcutta Mail via Chhoeki	9-30	20-15
Madras Express	10-15	14-30
Poona Mail	10 30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-30	17-40
Nagpur Express	15-00	21-00
Poona Express	19-30	08-02
Allahabad Express	20-25	07-00
Poona Fast Passenger	21 45	13-10

B. B. and C. I. Railway.

(Arrivals at and Departures from Bombay Central.)

	Arr. H.M	Dep. H.M
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-05
Delhi Express	5-00	22-15
Gujarat Mail	5-45	22-00
Kathiawar Mail	7-25	21-30
Frontier Mail	8-15	21-15
	(Mon.)	(Sat.)
The Flying Rance, Bulsar	*9 15	15-35
The Flying Rance, Surat	*9 45	15-10
The Flying Rance, Surat) (Except Monday)	10 58	00-00
The Flying Rance, Surat (Except Saturday)	00-00	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	19-05	8 45
Baroda Passenger	20-45	9 00

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, these trains will run on Tuesday.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Jan 30

Following a decline of 8 points in New York cotton futures, the local market opened to-day at Rs. 185/8 for Broach A/M delivery and improved to Rs. 186/12 on general buying. But in view of the recent rapid rise, there appeared moderate realising and prices reacted to Rs. 185 but with renewed buying prices steadied.

It is true that heavy covering weakened the technical position of the market but the appearance of liquidation will count a long way to maintain healthy tone. The market outlook is steady and any setback will present a buying opportunity as all known bearish factors are well discounted. Some professionals were reported buying Broach A/M against sales of J/A delivery but the present difference suggests good investment level for the later month as the difference hardly allows carrying cost.

There was steady liquidation and prices declined to Rs. 184/4 but with renewed buying prices improved to Rs. 186/8. Thereafter there was some profit-taking and prices decline to Rs. 185/8. Liverpool opened 5 points down and Broach was quoted at Rs. 185/12. There was sustained buying and Broach was quoted at Rs. 188. Bears now realise their mistake of over indulgence and were reported persistently covering sales. The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F G M G BROACH:—		
April/May	Rs.	187 8 0
July/August		190 12 0
FINE M G OOMRA:—		
March		151 0 0
May		152 12 0
F G M G BENGAL:—		
March		126 12 0
May		127 8 0

PEPPER & GINGER

Bombay, Jan 30

The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.:—

Pepper ready Alleppey per candy	Rs.	75 8 0
Pepper Maha Sud 15 per candy		75 0 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15 per candy		77 0 0
Pepper Jeth Sud 15 per candy		79 0 0
Ginger bleached per cwt		15 0 0
Ginger Maha Sud 15 per cwt		13 8 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15 per cwt		13 12 0

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, Jan 30

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P		134	132	129	127
M G Punjab		134	132	129	127
M G Rajputana		140	138	135	133
M G Oomra No. 3	159	156	153	150	
M G C P No. 1	178	175	172	166	
M G C P No. 2	166	163	160	157	

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, Jan 30

Yellow metal sheets	Rs.	70 0 0
Copper sheets		81 8 0

Tone: Steady.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES

Bombay, Jan 30

Yarn No. 6 1/2s	February 126	April 126	June 127
Yarn No. 10 1/2s	February 150	April 142	June 149
Yarn No. 20 1/2s	February 188	April 188	1/2 June 189
Yarn No. 40s	February 265	April 265	June 267

LINSEED & WHEAT.

Bombay, Jan 30

Linseed May	Rs.	4 15 0
Wheat January		4 9 3
Wheat May		3 14 3

GROUNDNUTS & SEEDS

Bombay, Jan 30

Castorseeds May—		
Opening	Rs.	31 10 0
Highest		31 10 0
Lowest		30 14 0
Closing		31 4 0
Groundnuts February—		
Opening		26 6 6
Highest		26 9 0
Lowest		26 4 0
Closing		26 8 0
Cottonseeds January—		
Opening		19 14 0
Highest		20 2 0
Lowest		19 6 6
Closing		20 2 0
Cottonseeds May—		
Opening		18 9 0
Highest		18 9 9
Lowest		18 6 3
Closing		18 8 6
Groundnuts May—		
Opening		27 0 0
Highest		27 5 6
Lowest		26 14 6
Closing		27 3 6

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES.

F P Bales	1940-41	1939-40
Receipts to date 29-1-41	2670000	5745000
Receipts yesterday 29-1-41	8300	25000
Exports to date 29-1-41	659000	4130000
Stock at Ports 24-1-41	3462000	3185000
Stock at Interior Towns 24-1-41	3279000	3067000
Stock at Liverpool 24-1-41	.....	.....
Visible Supply 24-1-41	.....	.....
Quantity in sight 24-1-41	7994000	10457000
Quantity out of sight 24-1-41	.....	.....

TEJI-MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, Jan 30

Wheat May	Rs.	0 5 0
Linseed May		0 7 0
Groundnut May		2 6 0
Castorseed May		2 8 0
Cottonseed May		1 6 0
Silver 1st settlement		0 10 0
Silver 2nd settlement		1 4 0
Gold 1st settlement		0 2 6
Gold 2nd settlement		0 5 6

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, Jan 30

Approx quotations.	Ready.	Delivery contract
Bengal Fine	127-30	
Berar	150-54	
C. P. 1	174-78	
C. P. 2	157-54	
Khandesh	132-37	
Muglai	140-42	Feb Mar.
Broach		+8 +7
Punjab S.G. 289F	315-28	
Punjab R.G. 289F	186-96	
Punjab R.G. 4F	221-31	

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, Jan 30

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY OF INDIAN COTTON.

Since 1st September

In full-pressed bales.

	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Khandesh	183	57,388	45,449
Central India	3,316	54,414	52,325
Barsi and Nagar	1,623	55,415	89,068
Hyderabad/Gaorani	133	19,694	37,052
Berar	6,294	195,232	200,979
Central Provinces	478	33,775	48,177
Total Oomras	12,027	414,918	473,000
Dholeras	647	25,303	26,776
N W Provinces	....	465	21,192
Rajputana	189	2,584	22,354
Sind-Punjab	1,325	245,133	255,495
Broach	966	12,210	9,973
Coompta & Dharwar	.....	27,293	14,530
Westerns-Northerns	156	28,872	15,598
Cocoanada	.....	239	50
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		522	1,309
Total	15,300	757,536	840,318
Arrived by road to 23rd January 1941	.....	112,250	100,000

Bombay Liquidation & Southern Hedging In N. Y. Cotton

MILL PRICE-FIXING ON RENEWED ACTIVITY IN CLOTH

Britain Buying Peruvian Crop

Bombay, Jan. 30.

On Wednesday, the New York cotton market closed easy on Bombay long liquidation and southern selling. The market was influenced by the heaviness of the stock market and reports that Britain is purchasing the remaining surplus of the 1940 Peruvian cotton crop.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened steady and prices improved on trade price-fixing and renewed activity in cotton goods. There was Bombay liquidation and some hedging against repossessions. The market again eased off commission house and southern selling.

At the opening March was quoted one point down at 10.38 and improved to 10.41 which was the highest level. Later on there was increased selling and March declined to 10.31 which was the lowest level. Distant months were weak. The session closed at a net decline of 6 to 12 points. Spot cotton prices declined 8 points at 10.80c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was easy on increased selling and closed at a decline of 5 to 10 points. Spot cotton prices were reduced one point at 10.11c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton futures market opened at a rise of one point with March 8.29. The market was steady. There was moderate buying which disclosed scarcity of hedging and other offerings. Later on there was outside hedging and trade calling. The market closed at a net rise of 3 to 4 points. Middling American Spot cotton prices improved one point at 8.67d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

There being only scattered business in Egyptians, prices moved within a narrow range. Uppers futures closed one point down and Gizas improved one point.

UGANDA COTTON CROP

The 'Cotton Trade Journal' writes:—

The area planted to cotton in Uganda (British East Africa) up to the end of July was estimated at 1,046,000 acres compared with 856,000 acres at the same date in 1939 and a final figure of 1,258,000 acres for 1939, according to a report received from American Vice-Consul Waldo E. Bailey at Nairobi, Kenya. The planting season extends from May through August so that plantings at the end of July usually represent 70 to 75 per cent of the total at the end of the season. The 1940 production is expected to exceed last year's crop of 289,000 bales as a result of the increased acreage and favourable weather conditions reported for the cotton regions as a whole. The campaign for earlier planting and closer spacing has met with considerable success and is expected to increase the yield per acre to some extent.

Reports received from other sources indicate that a large portion of the Uganda crop will be sold in British India to replace American and other non-Empire growths virtually excluded from the Indian markets by the import restrictions announced on May 20, 1940.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (11-14 a.m.)	10.41+02
New York March lowest (3 p.m.)	10.31—08
Liverpool March highest	8.32+04
Liverpool March lowest	8.29+01

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Market declined on hedge and Eastern selling. Closed weak.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Jan 29

March	10.31—08
May	10.33—06
July	10.20—07
October	9.68—11
December	9.64—12
January	9.61—08
Middling Spot	10.80—08

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Jan 29

March	10.36—06
May	10.38—05
July	10.23—09
October	9.73—10
December	9.68—10
Middling Spot	10.11—01

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Jan 29

11 a.m. ranges. Noon call

March	10.39	10.37
May	10.39	10.38
July	10.27	10.27

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, Jan 29

Day's receipts at all U S Ports	8,000 bales
Day's exports to Great Britain	nil
Day's exports to the Continent	nil
Day's exports to China and Japan	nil

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Jan 29

January	8.23+02
March	8.32+04
May	8.34+03
July	8.35+04
October	8.24+03
Middling Spot	8.67+01

11 A.M. QUOTATIONS

March	8.29

LARGE DEMAND FOR ACTUAL COTTON

Broach Cotton Undervalued

Bombay: Jan. 30.

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co. have issued the following weekly report:—

During the week fluctuations in the New York market have been within a very narrow range. There has been a certain amount of liquidation from the Bombay market, but this has been fairly easily absorbed by price fixing on account of American mills, which continue to consume raw cotton on a record scale. There is little fresh which one can write about the market there. We look for a continuation of the quiet narrow markets which we have been having for some time now. Liverpool is still a very thin market and day by day fluctuations rarely exceed a few points. The tone naturally continues steady and is likely to remain so.

LOCAL MARKET

We have had another week of activity in the Bombay market. The large demand for spot cotton continues and the basis of all staple cottons has advanced still further. This position has been aggravated by the presence of a short interest and people who have been buying on account of short sellers have not hesitated to pay full rates to secure requirements. Many dealers are beginning to feel that the basis is now high enough but the fact remains that at this early stage of the season it is becoming more and more evident that this country is faced with a shortage of the longer staple varieties. The high basis of long stapled cotton is now pulling up the basis of medium staple cotton and we are inclined to think that this is being overdone. We still look upon the Broach contract as the cheapest cotton in India and if we were consumers of medium staple varieties we should prefer to secure cover in Broach and wait to secure the basis of medium staples when such supplies are actually required. Shippers to England are still having difficulty in securing freight and it is being rumoured that these difficulties may be temporarily intensified in the near future. On the other hand increasing enquiries are being received from the Far-East and fresh business has been reported with both Japan and China for quite a large variety of cottons. If towards the end of the present season, India is going to be faced with a surplus of cotton this can be composed of only the poorer styles of Oomras and Bengals. We feel sure there will be no difficulty in disposing of all cottons of the quality of Central Provinces and upwards. We continue to advise the purchase of the Broach contract in all quiet markets as this cotton at present is definitely undervalued.

JUTE SHOES

The Assistant Publicity Officer, Indian Central Jute Commitee, writes:—

Mr. D. L. Mazumdar, I.C.S., Secretary, Indian Central Jute Committee recently visited the Bata Shoe Factory at Batanagore and discussed with the management of the factory the possibilities of using jute in the manufacture of shoes. He drew their attention to the extensive use that was now being made of plaited jute for making soles of slippers known as "Alpargata" in the Argentine Republic. These were the commonest form of footwear among the working classes of the Argentine, and appeared to be very popular among all classes of poor people. He thought that there was an extensive untapped market for similar cheap shoes in this country also, and suggested that the Batas might explore the possibilities of this particular line of manufacture. Mr. John Bartos, Managing Director of the Company informed Mr. Mazumdar that the factory had recently turned out cheap shoes with uppers made of cotton and plaited cocoanut coir, and in view of what Mr. Mazumdar had stated would gladly investigate the possibilities of using jute on an increasing scale both for making uppers and soles of cheap shoes. The former required a suitable type of jute canvas, and the latter some sort of "treated" or "proofed" jute. Mr. Mazumdar informed the management that he would bring the subject to the notice of the Indian Jute Mills' Association and assured them of all help and co-operation from the Technological Research Laboratories of the Indian Central Jute Committee.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Jan. 30.

2 3/4 per cent	1948/52 Loan 97
3 1/2 per cent	G P Notes 95-9
3 per cent	1941 Bonds 101-5
3 per cent	1951/54 Bonds 99-5
3 per cent	1963/65 Loan 94-6
3 1/2 per cent	1947/50 Loan 102-6
4 per cent	1960/70 Loan 108-5
4 per cent	1943 Bonds 104-10
3 per cent	War Bonds 100-14
4 1/2 per cent	1955/60 Loan 113-4

TAX FREE LOANS.

5 per cent	1945/55 Loan 112-8
4 per cent	1953/65 Mysore 114-8
5 per cent	1955 Mysore 125

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent	B P T 1974 108
4 per cent	M Deb 1974 107-8
5 per cent	M Deb 1959 116
6 per cent	M Deb 1954 127
6 per cent	K P T 1956 127

Tone: Steady to firm.

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on 24th January:—

1. Demand Liabilities:		
(a) In India		169,15,49,000
(b) In Burma		9,02,09,000
2. Time Liabilities:		
(a) In India		98,22,38,000
(b) In Burma		3,97,93,000
3. Cash:		
i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes.		
(a) In India		6,31,29,000
(b) In Burma		38,000
ii) Burma Notes:		
(a) In India		20,000
(b) In Burma		44,89,000
iii) Rupee Coin:		
(a) In India		1,37,00,000
(b) In Burma		1,62,000
iv) Subsidiary Coin:		
(a) In India		36,83,000
(b) In Burma		45,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank		44,10,54,000
5. Advances:		
(a) In India		101,45,03,000
(b) In Burma		4,65,67,000
6. Bills Discounted:		
(a) In India		3,22,85,000
(b) In Burma		15,84,000

Comparative statement of the position of scheduled banks:—

(In thousand Rupees)

	24-1-1941	17-1-1941	26-1-1940	1-9-1939
1. Demand liabilities in India & Burma	178,17,58 (9,02,09)	178,09,11 (9,16,94)	146,42,82 (7,37,33)	141,39,78 (7,03,29)
2. Time liabilities in India & Burma	102,20,31 (3,97,93)	101,27,43 (3,92,02)	107,89,24 (3,80,74)	106,46,46 (4,22,12)
3. Total cash in India & Burma	8,52,66 (47,34)	8,91,47 (46,71)	7,13,51 (24,99)	7,29,82 (59,37)
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	44,10,54	41,36,27	18,89,69	25,27,75
5. Advances in India & Burma	106,10,70 (4,65,67)	104,65,15 (4,47,86)	150,16,55 (4,54,68)	105,65,08 (4,12,92)
6. Bills discounted in India & Burma	3,38,69 (15,84)	3,03,48 (15,49)	4,86,15 (27,11)	3,86,74 (29,45)

(Burma figures are shown in brackets).

LONDON SEEDS

London, Jan 29

Rozario Santa Fe Jan/Feb quoted	20/6
Barletta Russo	not quoted
South Australian Jan/Feb quoted	26

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below Liverpool May 409 penny points at 1/6

Broach J/A below Liverpool July 401 penny points at 1/6

Broach A/M below New York May 319 cent points at 331

Broach J/A below New York July 290 cent ponits at 331

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Jan 30

The market opened somewhat easier influenced by less encouraging foreign advices but later showed a good improvement in sympathy with a firm tone in the commodity market. Tata Deferreds, which previously stood at 1855, opened at 1842-8 and firmed up to 1865 but later finished at 1860. Tata Ordinaries, likewise, opened easier at 365-8 but subsequently improved to 368 finally quoting at 367. Bombay Dyeings were a steady market around 1035. Indian Irons were a trifle better off at 31-4.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:

Tata Deferreds (1855) 1842-8 65 60
Tata Ordinaries (367) 365-8 68 67
Bombay Dyeings (1037-8) 1035 40 35
Tata Ordinary 367; Tata Deferred 1860; Indian Iron 31/4; Bombay Dyeing 1035; Century 357/8; Central India 286/4; Kohinoor 373/12; Associated Cement 134; Bombay Burma 526/4; Scindia Steam 20/4; Tata Hydro 175; Reserve Bank 105/12; Imperial Bank F P 1567/8; Central Bank 44/4; Bank of India 142/12; 3 1/2 per cent Paper 95/8

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, Jan 30

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 1/2 at New York.

London spot silver was 1/16d down at 23 3/16d and forward quotation was unchanged at 23 3/16d. The market was featureless. New York Spot silver was unchanged at 34 3/4 cents. Shanghai T T on London was quoted 3 5/16. London Bombay Spot and forward parity was Rs. 61/15. In the local market there was routine trading and prices fluctuated within a narrow range. Quotations were as under:

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	42 0 6
Maha		42 1 0
Sovereigns		28 5 6

SILVER

Ready		63 2 0
Maha		63 0 0

LONDON SILVER

London, Jan 29

Spot	23 3/16
Forward	23 3/16

LONDON GOLD

London, Jan 29

Gold Bars Fine per oz	£8-8-0

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Jan 30

LONDON:—

B C. RATES:—

T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 29th July
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 29th July.
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 29th July
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32 One month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/4 two months

NEW YORK:—

Bank's selling T T 332 3/4
Bank's buying T T 329 3/4
Bank's buying D D 328

JAPAN:—

Bank's selling T T 81 1/4 nominal
Bank's buying T T 77 nominal
Bank's buying 60 days 76 1/4 nominal

JAVA:—

Bank's selling D D 85 3/4

HONGKONG:—

Bank's selling D D 85 1/4

SHANGHAI:—

Bank's selling D D 21 1/2

SINGAPORE:—

Bank's selling D D 157 3/4

CROSS RATES:—

Hongkong London 1/3 1/32 30th inst.
Shanghai London 0/3 19/32 30th inst.
New York London 4.03 1/2 29th inst.
London Java 7.58/62 29th inst.
London New York 4.02 1/2—3 1/2 29th inst.
London Switzerland 17 30/40 29th inst.
London Stockholm 16.85/95 29th inst.
London Japan 1/2 29th inst.
London Canada 4.43/47 29th inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet near
Steady forward.
Gold £8-8-0 29th inst.
Silver London Ready 23 3/16 29th inst.
Silver London Forward 23 3/16 29th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 28th inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 29th inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 29th inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money Call:—Small enquiry.
2 months 1/2 per cent.
6 months 3/4 per cent.
Tone:—Very easy.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 24th Jan. 1941:—

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.
CAPITAL:—		
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Issued and subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid	3,75,00,000	
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid	1,87,50,000	5,62,50,000
Reserve liability of shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares	5,62,50,000	
Reserve Fund		5,62,50,000
Fixed deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other accounts		95,85,40,000
Loans against Securities per contra		
Acceptances for Constituents		
Sundries		49,79,000
RUPEES		107,60,19,000

ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—		
Government securities	50,98,27,000	
Other authorised investments	1,01,31,000	51,99,58,000
ADVANCES:—		
Loans	7,64,28,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	21,34,92,000	
Bills discounted and purchased	2,72,07,000	31,71,27,000
Liability of constituents for acceptances per contra		
Dead Stock	1,80,96,000	
Sundries	68,17,000	
Bullion		
CASH:—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	20,74,44,000	
Balances with other Banks	78,77,000	21,50,21,000
RUPEES		107,60,19,000

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Jan 29

UPPERS:—	
Spot	11.08—1
January	10.39—1
March	10.39—1
May	10.42—1
July	10.44—0
November	10.39—0
GIZA NO. 2:—	
Spot	12.07—1
January	11.08—0
March	11.05+1
May	11.05+1
July	11.04+1
November	11.06+1

Moderate Buying On Stock Exchange

OPENING DECLINE ATTRACTS INCREASED SUPPORT

Steels And Textiles Improve

Bombay, Jan 30

The sharp decline of 2 1/2 dollars in U. S. Steel shares was feared to damp the local feeling but the action of the market clearly indicates that there is more desire to buy than sell and with moderate support the market was steady.

Undermined by the weakness of Steel shares, the Wall Street market was up to two dollars down. The session closed heavy with the death of General Metaxas and Washington discussions of Britain's position influencing some selling. U. S. Steel shares closed 2 1/2 down at 64 1/2 and Anaconda Coppers Mining shares lost 3/4 at 24 7/8 dollars.

The local market took no notice of the drop in the Wall Street market. Tata Steel shares after opening at Rs. 1890 against previous close at Rs. 1902 advanced to Rs. 1912/8 on general buying. At this level there was moderate liquidation and prices reacted to Rs. 1905. The market steadied around this level and offerings were well absorbed. Ordinary shares were steady at Rs. 372. Budlee differences were normal, with Tata Steel Deferred for the next settlement being quoted at a premium of Rs. 7/8 to Rs. 10.

Cotton Mill shares also maintained upward march and there was some selective buying with prices moving in an irregular fashion. There was moderate general buying in all sections and the tone of the market at the close was very steady.

There was active buying in Alcock shares which rose to Rs. 560. Empire Life shares were better and Scindia shares closed at Rs. 20/5. Government securities were very steady. The last day for the current settlement is 1st proximo.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, Jan 30

Bombay Dyeing (1070) 1065 1073 1070 1071 1070
Century (371/8) 370 371 370 372 371/8
Central India (295) 294 297 296
Kohinoor (386) 386 385 387 386 384/8
New Great (408) 408 413 410
Simplex (101) 101 102
Swadeshi (264) 264 265 266
Associated Cement (136/8) 136/8 136/4
Andhra (1680) 1702/8
Tram Ord (132) 132
Tata Hydro (177) 178
Tata Power (1560) 1550 1562 1565
T Steel Defd (1702) 1890 1900 1910 1900 1912 1902 1907 1902
T Steel Ord (370) 367 372 370 372 371 370
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (148/12) 148/12 148/4
Bellapur (205) 204 205
B Steam (306/4) 306
B Burma (536/4) 535 537 536 537

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Jan. 30.

100	Ahm. Advance	266 4
250	BOMBAY DYEING	1070 0
100	CENTURY	371 8
100	CENTRAL INDIA	296 0
100	COLABA	169 0
100	Coorla	100 0
250	David	80 0
250	Dawn	8 8
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	0 8
100	FINLAY	174 0
100	GOKAK	204 8
1000	Hindustan	1905 0
100	Indore	51 0
100	Khatau	143 12
100	KOHINOOR	384 8
250	LAXMI	525 0
100	MORARJI	211 0
250	Model	75 0
50	MYSORE	112 0
200	NEW GREAT	410 0
100	Oosmanshahi	N 46 0
100	Phoenix	280 0
25	Sassoon Silk	85 6
1000	Sholapur	2665 0
50	SIMPLEX	102 0
100	SWADESHI	266 0
100	SWAN	158 0
500	Vishnu	1282 8
1000	Western	1050 0
	BANKS	
50-100	BARODA	105 12
25-50	CENTRAL	44 4
500	IMPERIAL	1567 8
125-500	Imp. Contrys.	385 0
50-100	India	142 12
100	RESERVE BANK	106 0
5	UNION	6 9 0
	CEMENTS	
100	ASSOCIATED	136 4
	INSURANCE	
100	Empire	612 8
15-100	JUPITER	13 4
20	Mercantile	63 0
15-75	NEW INDIA	41 4
200	Oriental	3905 0
10-50	Vulcan	8 2
	ELECTRIC	
100	AHMD. OLD	173 12
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1702 8
10	AJMER	11 14
50	BOMBAY TRAM	132 0
100	Bombay Suburban	185 0
10	Broach	13 10
100	Karachi	215 0
100	Poona	215 0
100	Surat	173 12
100	TATA HYDRO	178 0
1000	TATA POWER	1565 0
	RAILWAYS	
500	Ahmedabad Prantij	937 8
100	C. Provinces	102 0
100	Dhond Baramati	102 0
100	Gujarat K. D.	104 0
100	Mandra Bhon	101 0
100	Pachora Jamner	60 8
100	Sara Sirajgunj	104 0
500	Tapti Valley	687 8

NEW YORK COTTON FOUR POINTS UP

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES
MARCH 1941
New York: Jan. 30.

Previous closing	10.31
To-day's opening	10.33
Difference	+2
To-day's closing	10.35
Difference	+4

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May	Rs. 188/0
Broach July/August	Rs. 191/4

LIVERPOOL COTTON
MARCH 1941
Liverpool: Jan. 30.

Previous closing	8.32
To-day's opening	8.27
Difference	—5
To-day's closing	8.29
Difference	—3

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: Jan. 30.

New York cotton exhibited brighter sentiment aided by the strength of Bombay, which resulted in fairly extensive purchases. Trading in March began at 10.33, i.e. two points higher than the last close. Prices advanced on good trade and spot house buying, which easily took up liquidation of March.

The following are to-day's opening ranges in New York cotton:—
March (10.38/38) 10.33/33
May (10.39/38) 10.34/34
July (10.27/27) 10.21/19

The following are opening rates on Liverpool cotton market:—
American January (8.22) 8.20
American March (8.30) 8.28
Egyptian Giza January (11.04) 11.04
Egyptian Giza March (11.04) 11.04

LONDON COMMODITIES

London: Jan. 30.

Castorseeds Jan/Feb unquoted
Linseed Bombay Calcutta January February (£18 9/16 quoted) £18 9/16 quoted
Linseed La Plata February (£11 1/2 quoted) £11 1/2 quoted
Groundnuts Coromandal Jan/Feb (£17 1/4 quoted) £17 1/4 quoted

JUTES

Dundee January (£45) £45
Lightning (£40) £40

RUBBER

Spot (12 1/2d paid and buyers) 12 5/8d paid and value
Forward January March (12 9/16d paid and buyers) 12 9/16d paid and value

LONDON METALS

Tin (£256 1/2 buyers, £256 3/4 sellers. Easy) £256 buyers, £256 1/2 sellers. Quiet.
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES
T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York: Jan. 30.

Previous closing	4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
London: Jan. 30.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS
London: Jan. 30.
T. T. London on Paris not quoted.

LONDON SILVER CABLE
London: Jan. 30.
The following cable was received from London:—
Business small. Market steady.

LONDON SILVER
London: Jan. 30.

Spot (23 3/16d)	23 1/4d +1/16
Forward (23 3/16d)	23 1/4d +1/16

LONDON GOLD
London: Jan. 30.
London Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0

LONDON EXCHANGES
London: Jan. 30.
London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02 50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate

CROSS RATES
London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30.35) 30.35
London on Shanghai (0-3 1/4 to 0-3 19/32) 0-3 1/4 to 0-3 19/32
London on Kobe (1-2 to 1 3 1/2) 1-2 to 1-3 1/2

DISCOUNTS
3 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent.
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent.
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

BULLION AND SEEDS
Bombay: Jan. 30.
There was no trading during the night session.

3 1/2 P.C. STERLING LOAN
London: Jan. 30.
3 1/2 per cent Indian sterling Loan closed to-day at £96 3/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London: Jan. 30.
London Stock Exchange was dull to-day.

INDIAN LOANS
London: Jan. 30.
3 per cent Indian Stocks (£98 3/4) £98 3/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stocks (£109 3/4) £109 3/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stocks 1958/68 (£112 1/2) £112 1/2
4 per cent Indian Stocks 1948/58 (£105 1/2) £105 1/2
5 per cent Indian Stocks 1942/47 (£104 1/4) £104 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stocks 1954/64 (£101 3/4) £101 3/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS
5 per cent 1958/68 (£104 3/4) £104 3/4

BRITISH FUNDS
2 1/2 per cent Consols (£77 1/2) £77 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£104 3/8) £104 3/8
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£98 7/8) £98 7/8
4 per cent Funding Loan (£113 3/4) £113 3/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£103 3/8) £103 3/8
New War Loan (£101 1/8) £101 1/8
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£111) £111

INDUSTRIALS
Standard Motors (12-0) 12-0
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (36-6) 37-0
Hydro Electric No dealings.
Electric Music Industry (7-10 1/2) 7-10 1/2
Princhin Johnson (20-0) 19-9
Imperial Chemicals (30 0) 29-10 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary (56-3) 56-3
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1939 (£48 3/4) £48 1/2
Dundee Rubber (34-3) 33-9
Unilever Ordinary (24-0) 23-9
Ford Motors (17-6) 17-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£56 3/4' £55 3/4
British American Tobacco Ordinary (93-9) 93-9
Carreas 'A' (£4) £4
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (101-3) 101-3
P and O Def (20-7 1/2) 20-6
Distillers (65-6) 65-3
Bredfords Dye (3-9) 3-9
British Celanese (3-10 1/2) 3-10 1/2
J and P Coates Ordinary (32-6) 32-9
Courtaulds Ordinary (32-9) 32-9
Fine Cotton Spinners (3-9) 3-9
Vickers Limited Ordinary (15-1 1/2) 15-3
Inter Nickel Ordinary (dol 39 1/8) dol 38 3/4
Indian Iron (48-9) 48-9

TEA SHARES
Assam Company (18-1 1/2) 18-1 1/2
Donaro Tea (31-3) 31-3
Empire of India (22-0) 22-6

JUTE
Barnagore (£8) £8

RUBBER SHARES
Anglo Dutch Rubber (17-0) 17-0
Gula Kelampong (15-9) 15-9
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (26-7 1/2) 26-7 1/2

MINING SHARES
Nandydrug (23-1 1/2) 23-1 1/2
Burma Corporation (7-9) 7-9
Rio Tintos (£7) £7
East Rand Properties (43-1 1/2) 43-1 1/2
Rand Mines (£6 1/4) £6 1/4

MINE SHARES
Crown (£12 1/4) £12 1/4
Associated Portland Cement (61-3) 61-3
Trinidad Leasehold (61-3) 61-4 1/2
Sub Nigel (£7 1/2) £7 1/2
Spring Mines Split Shares (22-6) 21-10 1/2
Union Corporation (£6 7/8) £7

OIL SHARES
Venezuela Persian (27-6) 28-1 1/2
Anglo India (38-1 1/2) 38-1 1/2
Burma Oil (57-6) 57-6
Mexican Eagle (8-0) 7-7 1/2
Shell Transport (44-4 1/2) 43-9
Royal Dutch No dealings

RAILWAY SHARES
Great Western Ordinary (£34 3/4) £34 3/4
London Midland Ordinary (£13 7/8) £13 7/8
London North Eastern Def (£1 1/2) £1 1/2
London Southern Def (£11) £11 1/8
London Transport 5 per cent (£118) £118
London Transport 'C' (£34 1/2) £34 1/2

Reconcile Indian Opinion

Proposition Before Central Legislature

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30.

General discussion on the Railway Budget which will be presented on February 19, will begin in the Council of State on February 25 and that on the General Budget, which will be presented on February 28 will begin on March 5.

Indian Deadlock

It is learned that Mr. Kazmi, a member of the Congress Party in the Central Assembly, has tabled a resolution for the budget session urging the Government of India to take steps to end the constitutional deadlock forthwith by a policy of reconciliation and also by means of a conference to be convened not later than March 31 and composed of Premiers of all the Eleven Provinces and leaders of Political Parties.

Mr. M. S. Aney has a resolution recommending to the Government to dismantle railway lines only with the approval of the Central Assembly and after giving six months' notice.

"Ribbon Development"

To control "ribbon development" in Delhi province, it is learned the Government of India propose to bring up a Bill in the Assembly in the budget session.

Houses are springing up on both sides of the Kutab Road beyond Safdar Jang and on other main roads in New Delhi, which as yet are unprovided with electricity or water services.

The New Delhi development Committee examined the position and have made a definite recommendation in favour of legislation to restrict construction of houses in unplanned areas, and to acquire existing houses on certain roads to be notified.

The Bill is reported to be in pursuance of the Committee's recommendation.

Indo-Burma Trade Talks

The Government of India have decided to appoint as their delegates for the trade negotiations between India and Burma the Honourable Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, Commerce Member and the Hon. Sir Jeremy Raisman, Finance Member, says a Press Note.

No formal appointment of official advisers to the delegates is being made since the departmental officers best fitted to assist them are on the spot and their services available as required from time to time.—A. P.

TAX ON CITY TRADES AND PROFESSIONS?

Only Way To Cover Huge Deficit, Says Commissioner

The Municipal Corporation on Thursday passed the proposal for levying a tax on trades and professions in the city and now would request the Government to amend the Municipal Act expeditiously.

At the last meeting, Mr. Motichand G. Kapadia had moved for the adoption of the report of the Retrenchment and Reforms Committee and to request the Municipal Commissioner to prepare a draft to be forwarded to the Government through His Worship the Mayor.

AMEND MUNICIPAL ACT

Mr. R. S. Nimbkar moved an amendment on Thursday to request the Government to amend the Municipal Act at an early date and to give effect to the provisions of the report.

DOUBLE TAXATION

Mr. C. H. Irwin opposed the resolution and said the city was already overtaxed and this was a sort of a double taxation on some of the trades and professions. For instance, he said, aerated water manufacturers were already taxed by the Municipality and yet there was another proposal to tax them. Likewise musical instruments, transports and building contractors were to be taxed though they were already taxed one way or the other by the Municipality. Mr. Irwin said the Trades and Professions Tax was an extension of the General Tax and it would fall on the shoulders of the men in the street in the end. He emphasised that the prices in the city were already high and the industries were starving and the time was most inopportune to levy any more tax for the present. He therefore moved an amendment to record the report.

Mr. Naushir Bharucha seconded the amendment.

TAX ON EDITORS

Mr. D. V. Pradhan moved another amendment to refer the report to the Law and Revenue Committee. Mr. Pradhan said editors were to be taxed Rs. 20 p.a. but he wanted to know how the editors selling their papers for one pice would pay the tax while these poor editors were bracketed with editors in affluent circumstances.

Mr. M. N. Talpade seconded the amendment and said unless the Municipal Executive pointed out as to where they would spend the money raised from the tax, it was no use to levy the tax.

Mr. K. F. Nariman said there was no alternative but to accept the fundamental principle of levying the tax especially as the Municipal finances had deteriorated of late years and there was no scope of getting any help from the Government.

SURPRISE FOR COMMISSIONER

The Municipal Commissioner expressed his surprise at the opposition by some councillors. He pointed out the huge deficit in the budget not only this year but also in future for some years to come, and he asked how the corporation would make up the deficit unless they tapped some new sources of revenue. This tax was not new to Bombay. It was levied in 1866 and discontinued afterwards. In Calcutta and Madras the trades and professions were taxed. Besides, there were many other Municipalities where this tax was levied. He did not expect the Government to help them unless they helped themselves. The tax was not likely to embarrass anybody as it was graded from Rs. 5 to Rs. 50 p.a.

AMENDMENTS LOST

At this stage closure was moved and the amendments being put to vote were declared lost. Mr. Motichand Kapadia accepted the amendment of Mr. Nimbkar which was passed as a substantive proposition.

The House then adjourned till to-day.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE FIRMER

Calcutta: Jan. 30.

The Stock Exchange ruled decidedly firmer and a large volume of business was transacted. Coals, Cottons, Engineering issues, Teas and Govt. Securities recorded deals at firm prices. Jutes also kept steady.

The following were closing quotations:—

Govt Securities: 3 per cent loan 1951/54 99/5 small lot, 3 per cent loan 1963/65 94/8 small lot, 3 per cent new loan 1946 101/4 small lot, 2 3/4 per cent loan 1948/52 97/2, 3 1/2 per cent Govt Paper 95/10, 3 1/2 per cent loan 1047/50 102/4 s l, 5 per cent U P Bonds 1944 106/5 small lot, 5 per cent loan 1945/55 112/11.

Banks: Reserve Bank 105/8 small lot.

Cottons: Benares Cotton and Silk 2/11, Bengal Nagpur 13, Birla Cotton 17, Cawnpore Textiles 6/4, Dunbar ord 198, Kesoram 6/5, Elgin Mills ord 18/8, New Victoria ord 2/2, Pref 5/12.

Coals: Bengal 362 ex-div, Bhalgora 5/1, Bhulanbararee 12/12, Borrea 15/9, Dhemo Main 14/15, Govindpore 4, Khas Kajora pref 12/4, Raneegungo 26 small lot, Samla 1/11, South Karanpura 4/11, West Jamuria 30/8.

Jutes: Anglo-India 315, Auckland 165, Belvedere 384, Birla 24/8 s lot, Dalhousie 294/8, Empire 23/12, Gourepore 652, Hastings pref 137, Howrah 49/14, Hukumchand 8/15, Pref. 116 small lot, Hooghly ord 64/4 s lot, India 284, Kamarhatty 456, Megna 34/4, Northbrook 31/12, Naskarpara 16/2, Presidency 4/8, Standard 273/8.

Minings: Burma Corpn 5/4, Indian Copper 2/3, Kangra Valley Slate 199, Rhodesia Copper Ans. 12.

Eng. Companies: Arthur Butler 15/15, Braithwaite and Co. 11, Burn and Co ord 383, Britannia Eng 10/10, Britannia Building and Iron 8/11, Hukumchand Steel ord 11, Defd 3, Indian Steel and Wire Products ord 56/8 small lot, Defd 38/12, Indian Iron and Steel 31/8, Kumardhubi Eng ord 4/13, Marshalls 2/6, National Iron and Steel 8/9, Saran Eng. 5/10, Steel Corpn ord 19/4.

Miscellaneous: Sara Serajganj Rly. 103 v small lot, Dalmia Cement ord 11/11, Pref 108 small lot, Defd 3/4 small lot, Alkali and Chemical ord 19/12, Pref 120, Bengal Chemical Pref 19, Benares Elect 13/14, Mosafferpore Elect 12/8 small lot, New Asiatic Life Insurance Ans. 12 Prem, B I Corpn pref 178/8, Calcutta Trams ord 13/12 small lot, Dunlop Rubber ord 35/8, Second Pref 113/8 small odd lot, Indian Cables 21/10, Indian National Airways ord 5/8 ct, Ivan Jones 2/6, Walford Transport ord annas 14, British Burma Petroleum 3/6, Tide Water Oil 15/4, Orient Paper 10/14, Sree Gopal Paper Pref 105 small lot, Star Paper ord 10 small lot, Titaghur Paper ord 17/4, First pref 198, Second Pref. 114/8 small lots, Himayun Property ord 5, Assam Saws 3/5, Bengal Timber 197 ct, Bengal Assam Steamship ord 250 c div ct.

Sugar Shares: Cawnpore 18/4, Champaram 14.

Tea Shares: Bateli 5/7, Bishnauth 26/4 Jutilbari 15/8, Ledo 201 ct, Murphulani 4/9 small odd lot, Namburnadi 6/12, Tukvar 11 small odd lot, Teenali 18, Tezpore 7/11, Pref 14/4.

Debentures: 5 per cent National Iron and Steel Debs 101/8.—A. P.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

Madras: Jan. 30.

Planting shares came in for a good enquiry in the local Stock Exchange. Sugar and Textile shares were well supported and good buying enquiry was visible in Paper, Chemical and Tobacco shares. Amongst Miscellaneous issues Indian Irons and Steel Corporations remained steady.

Transactions reported from 12 noon of yesterday to 12 noon to-day, were:—

Coimbatore Spinning 35/8, Mysore Silk Filatures 8 s l, B B's 6 c d, Tropicals 17/12, Ayer Manis Pref 100, Devon Tea Pref 102, Travancires 7/13/6, Rajagiris 5, Coorg Rubber 28/10, Mlamallay Pref 23/12, s l 24, Midlands 5/0/6, Chembras 3/7, Peermades 27/8, Thamarapally 8/9 ex-div, Travancore Sugars 13/4 s l, Deccan Sugars 51/8, Rangoon Telephones 13 s l

SHIPPING NEWS.

Bombay: Jan. 30.

3374 loose asbestos cement pipes, 250 loose steel cylinders, 25 lse boiler tubes, 68 lse valves, 505 lse M/car outer covers, 2245 c/s beer, 40 c/s rum, 53 c/s tobacco, 39 c/s cigarettes, 299 c/s dry gin, 53 c/s tube fittings 171 c/s paper, 80 c/s amorphous phosphorus 500 c/s muriate of ammonia, 44 c/s tinned herrings, 518 c/s tiles, 350 c/s bath bricks, 56 c/s cut tacks, 350 c/s safety fuse, 55 c/s prtd books, maps, charts etc., 2059 c/s whisky, 33 c/s stout, 395 c/s provision and preserves, 552 c/s empty tins, 21 c/s toilet preparations, 77 c/s elect lamps, 27 c/s bolts and nuts, 60 c/s Sledge hammers, 28 c/s heals, 50 c/s Gripe water, 73 c/s wool tops, 58 c/s sewing ctn thread on cops, 205 c/s sewing ctn thread on reels, 147 c/s cotton pcegoods, 60 c/s silk yarn, 117 c/s radio receivers and parts, 91 c/s Hydrogen Peroxide 103 c/s cycles and parts, 71 c/s gas meters, 80 c/s harmless medicines and drugs, 23 c/s w/n pcegoods, 185 c/s cardboards, 60 c/s waterproofing cement, 81 c/s tinned sausages, 84 c/s elect goods, 65 pkgs fire clay sinews, 85 pkgs drilling rods, 2380 pkgs giant covers and tubes, 926 pkgs paint, dyes etc., 36 pkgs biscuits, 298 pkgs machinery and parts 46 single tyres, 430 H/hds ale, 83 rolls felt base floor covering, 25 rolls sheet lead, 40 rolls cycle outer covers, 80 bags magnesium carbonate, 59 bags broken tiles, 500 bags bicarb soda, 100 bags glass bottles, 100 D/bags steel rose nails, 110 D/bags rose head nails, 259 D/bags nails, 90 D/bags rivets, 360 D/bags cut nails, 140 bags light soda ash, 206 S/bags scrap leather, 149 pcs steel bars, 279 pcs San earthenware, 72 pcs steel tubes 200 bags boiler lagging, 60 dms anti-corrosive composition, 60 dms anti-fouling composition, 40 dms Brenthol, 475 dms solid caustic soda, 199 crtns accumulators, 254 loose C I cisterns, 121 casks bichromate of soda, 35 pcs steel angles, 33 bdls steel bars, 36 ctes mill boards, 40 bls writing paper, 30 trusses asbestos rope lagging, 48 dms zinc chloride 325 D/bags steel nails, 41 ctns sauce, 62 coils stranded wire, 204 bdls M S hoops, 50 bxs yeast, 1000 bdls steel hoops, 69 bls copper rods, 1160 kegs sulphate of copper, 40 kegs soda hyposulphite, 75 dms Malt extract, 50 trusses waterproof wrapping paper, 50 bxs phosphoric acid, 77 pcs C I piston parts, 50 kegs gm, 36 pcs E'ware lavatories, 714 bxs window glass, 60 sinks straw banded.

EXPORTS

Bombay: Jan. 30.

274 bls grey cotton yarn Sassoon J David and Co Ltd; 75 bls cotton yarn Italindia Cotton Co Ltd; 200 bls raw cotton M Motilal 200 bls raw cotton Kotak and Co; 2057 bgs crude talc ground D Abraham and Sons; 141 bls cotton pcegoods Tulsidas Khimji; 29 bls cotton grey yarn Tulsidas Khimji, 432 bags gum Magni Bros; 2900 bls raw cotton T M Kaisha Ltd; 20 bls raw kid skins Grindlay and Co Ltd; 284 cases chutney in bottles E Spinner and Co.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 30th Jan. 1941:—
Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hrs. —.032 inches.
Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 66.4 deg.
Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 56.1 deg.
Maximum temperature during 24 hrs. 79.7 deg. (2.9 below normal).
Minimum temperature during 24 hrs. 61.1 deg. (5.3 below normal).
Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 48 per cent.
Direction of wind at 8 a.m. N N E.
Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 4 miles per hr.
Total movement of wind in 24 hrs. 155 mls.
Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 23 miles per hour.
Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 0.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 30/1/1941

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 69.3 deg. F. a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.19 inches and a compensated aneroid 30.02 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

Gwyer's Advice To Delhi University Proctor

On Students' Demonstrations And Disciplinary Action

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30.

Sir Maurice Gwyer, the Vice-Chancellor of the Delhi University, has addressed a letter to the Proctor in connection with the recent students' demonstration in Delhi.

He says: "I understand that you are having a meeting of the principals to consider the episode of last Sunday evening. I should have been unwilling in any event to deal with the case myself, since in one sense it affected me personally, and it is best that a man should not be a judge in his own cause. As, however, you ask me for an expression of my own views on some aspects of the matter I cannot refuse to give them to you.

"As I have already told you, I should be sorry if any great importance were attached to the silly and puerile vulgarities of a pack of children, whose numbers, I am assured by an eye-witness, were nothing like those mentioned in the press; and it is even possible that after they have grown up they will be ashamed of having made themselves ridiculous by such antics.

"The case of the ring-leader no doubt stands on a rather different footing; yet I should be indisposed to give him the advertisement which he seeks. He has discredited himself far more than he has the University; and I should be content to leave him to such cheapjack notoriety as he may already have achieved, and to the amused contempt of the citizens of Delhi and his own fellow students. Nevertheless there must be a limit to this sort of thing; and if this foolish young person persists in making a nuisance of himself it will clearly become necessary to deal with him as such."—A.P.

Solitary Confinement For Kolhapur Congressmen?

(From Our Correspondent).

KOLHAPUR, Jan. 30.

News is published in to-day's "Vidyavilas", local daily, that Shaikh Sanaulla, a staunch Congressman, who is undergoing rigorous imprisonment in Kolhapur Central Gaol is punished by the Jailor with solitary confinementt. The Jail Superintendent, Dr. Dhanavde, is in Bombay with the Maharani.

G. T. EXPRESS DERAILS

But Resumes Journey After A Delay Of Two Hours

MADRAS, Jan. 30.

The Grand Trunk Express which left Madras this morning is reported to have met with a slight mishap after the train left Nayudupet at about 10-30 a.m. The engine of the train, it is stated, sank on the permanent way over the diversion between Nayudupet and Peda Periya and that, with the engine, the third class coach immediately behind it also derailed.

A relief train was immediately rushed to the place and the express was able to resume the journey after a delay of about two hours.—A.P.

Should Editors Go To Jail?

Mahatma's Reply To Member Of Editorial Staff Of "Aj"

BENARES, Jan. 30.

Mahatma Gandhi writing in Hindi in reply to a letter from a member of the editorial staff of the "Aj" a Congress Hindi daily of Benares advises him as follows:—

"Your fulfilling the responsibilities as an editor has as much virtue (Punya) as that of going to jail. Only those should go to jail, who could be free from essential service and are qualified in other ways.—A.P.

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 30.

The District Police Superintendent has issued an order under the District Police Act forbidding the carrying of weapons such as whips, sticks, swords, daggers, etc., throughout the District during Mohurrum.—A. F.

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To-day

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Muslim: Mohurrum 3, 1360
Parsi: Amerdad 29, 1310.
Hightide: 2-20; 14-29
Lowtide: 8-28; 20-08
Sunrise: 7h. 14m.
Sunset: 6h. 31m.
Municipal Corporation: 3 p.m. (B.T.)

ROBERT MONEY SCHOOL

The annual athletic sports will be held in the School compound to-day (Friday) from 2-30 to 6-15 p.m. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bombay will preside and distribute the prizes.

"F" WARD DISTT. CONG. COMMITTEE

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Managing Council of the 'F' Ward Distt. Congress Committee will be held to-day (Friday) at 9 p.m. (S.T.) at the Committee's office.

SERMONS DURING MOHARRAM

Moulvi Sayed Altafali Sabzwari, who has come from Lahore at the request of Mr. Fakirmahomed Currimbhoy Lalljee Sajun, is preaching at Khoja Shia Ishna Ashri Mosque, Pala Galli, on Koran and allied topics during the Moharrum between 9 to 10 p.m. (B.T.) daily.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

METRO—"Bad Man of Wyoming" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CAPITOL—"They're Untamed" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Thief of Bagdad" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Charley's Aunt" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Down Argentine Way" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Punarmilan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Puja". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Bandhan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Lagna Pahawe Karoon." Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Nartaki" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Narsi Bhagat". Daily at 3, 6-15 and 9-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Mala". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Sneh-Bandhan". Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Padosi". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Qaidi" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
HIND MATA—"Pak Daman". Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
EDWARD—"Vidyapati". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"Housekeeper's Daughter" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Admi". Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.

Vaccination Centres

The Executive Health Officer, Bombay Municipality, writes:—

The cases of small-pox in Bombay are on the increase. Vaccination or re-vaccination constitutes the only safeguard against attack for persons exposed to the infection of small-pox. The vaccination of infants before they reach the age of six months is compulsory. All infants therefore should be vaccinated without undue delay. Revaccination of children after 4 years and every 6 or 7 years thereafter and of the adults whenever exposed to infection is quite necessary to prevent the disease.

There are 27 vaccination stations in the City where vaccination is performed, free of charge. The vaccination station at the Sanitary Institute, Princess Street is open daily between 8 and 10-30 a.m. (S. T.) and 2-30 and 5-30 p.m. (S. T.) and on Sundays and Bank Holidays 8 and 10-30 a.m. (S. T.). The Central Vaccination Depot at Poibawdi is also kept open during the whole day for vaccination purposes, except on Sundays and Bank Holidays when it is open between 7-30 and 10-30 a.m. (S. T.).

Lymph will be supplied to messengers on the written request of any Medical Practitioner at Rs. 1-4-0 per capsule containing five doses either at the Municipal Offices, Bori Bunder, or at the Vaccination Depot, Suparibag Road, Parel between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m (S. T.) on working days.

In addition to the above arrangements for vaccination the following special facilities have been provided:—

(1) Vaccinations will be performed daily 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 2-30 to 5-30 p.m. (S. T.) in Municipal Dispensaries in all the wards.

(2) If more than 20 persons are to be re-vaccinated at one place, a vaccinator will be deputed at the places where he is required. Arrangements have also been made for mass vaccination of the contacts at the places where small-pox cases occur so as to prevent the infection being spread to other places.

The public are therefore requested to avail themselves of the above facilities and thus assist the Public Health Department in its efforts to check the spread of the disease.

Punjab Minister Among Liberals

BOMBAY, Jan. 29.

The Hon. Sir Manoharlal, Finance Minister of the Punjab met the Committee of the Western India National Liberal Federation informally this evening. Sir Chimanlal Setalvad presided. About twenty-five members including Sir Cowasjee Jehangir were present.

The meeting discussed the present political situation and exchanged views regarding present conditions in the Punjab and Western India.—United Press.

Government House News

Captain and Mrs. E W. Whitfield and Captain and Mrs. J. H. Wakefield arrived at Government House, on Thursday.

"REPRESENTATION AGAINST ENTERTAINMENT TAXES ON CINEMAS."

The Secretary, Indian Motion Picture Distributors' Association, writes:—

With reference to the news item "Representation Against Entertainment Taxes on Cinemas" appearing on page 9 of your issue of the 29th instant, we are to say that we sent our representations to the Indore Government and not to Mysore."

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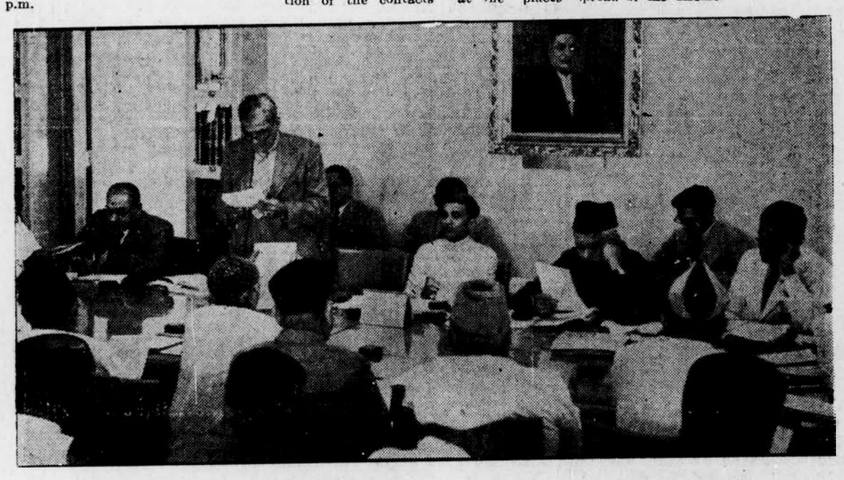

Mr. M. C. Ghia, the incoming President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, giving his first speech to the Chamber on Wednesday.

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COMILLA BANKING CORPORATION

A branch of the Comilla Banking Corporation, Ltd., was opened on Wednesday, at "Amar Building," Pherozeshaw Mehta Rd., Bombay. The Bank has 24 branches in important cities of India. Mr. N. Bhattacharji is the local agent of the Bank.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS

A public study class on "The Reward and Punishment of the Ego" from the Key to Theosophy by H. P. Blavatsky, will be held to-day (Friday) at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, opp. Flora Fountain. All are cordially invited.

BOMBAY PROV. TRADE U. CONGRESS

The annual meeting of the B.P.T.U.C. will be held to-day (Friday) at 7 p.m. (S.T.) at the Servants of India Society's Hall, Girgaon.

INDIAN MERCHANTS' CHAMBER

Mr. Dhirajlal C. Modi has been re-elected as the representative of the Indian Merchants' Chamber on the B.B. and C.I. Railway Local Advisory Committee for a fresh term of two years ending January, 1943.

INTER-CASTE MARRIAGE

On Wednesday last Mr. B. P. Sharma, a Kashmiri Saraswat Brahmin was married according to Vedic rites to Miss Sumitra K. Wadke, a Twasta Kasar, at Dalal Mansion, Vincent Rd. Dadar. Mr. S. K. Naique officiated.

ISMAIL COLLEGE SOCIAL GATHERING

Ismail College Scientific Association, Jogeshwari, Annual Social Gathering, Tuesday, the 4th Feb. at 5 p.m. Lieut.-Col. S. S. Sokhey presiding. Ex-members invited to attend.

CONF. FOR PREVEN. OF ADULTERATION IN MILK, GHEE, BUTTER, ETC.

Under the auspices of several associations of Bombay Presidency the above conference will be held on Tuesday, the 4th Feb. at Madhav Baug, C. P. Tank, Bombay, at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) Sjt. Manu Subedar, M.L.A. (Central), will preside.

MR. HORMUSJI C. CAPTAIN

Mr. H. C. Captain has now been appointed General Manager of the Central Bank of India, Ltd. After the death of the late Sir Sorabji Pochkhanawala, Mr. Captain took charge of the Bank as a manager, and within a short period of three years, proved his abilities. Sir H. P. Mody, the Chairman of the Bank, once gave him a well deserved tribute as "the pivotal executive officer of an institution, the ramifications of which extend over the length and breadth of India."

"MOHARRUM WEEK" CELEBRATIONS

In connection with the Moharrum week-celebrations there will be a public meeting to-day (Friday) at 4-30 p.m. at the Anjuman-e-Islam Girls' School, Shahoobag, Belasis Rd. Mr. Nakhat will speak on "The part played by women in Karbala tragedy." Dr. Hussain Hamdani will speak on "The life of Hazrat Ali."

BROADCAST TALKS IN KANNADA FROM MADRAS

It is understood that All-India Radio has decided to broadcast three news talks in Kannada from the Madras shortwave station and that these have already begun.

The Mysore Government are expected to set up a 5 K.W. station by the end of the year, and when this is done, the requirements of the Kannada-speaking people will be largely met from the Mysore station.

BOMBAY ART SOCIETY

The Picture-Book of the 50th Annual Exhibition of the Bombay Art Society, which we acknowledge with thanks, is one of the usual and noteworthy features of the Exhibition. It presents a collection of reproductions of select exhibits—prize-winning and otherwise—from the different sections of the exhibition. It will be valuable to those who follow the trends of art from year to year and will give some idea of the current tendencies of art to those who miss the Exhibition.

MAHARASHTRA AND CENTRAL ASSEMBLY BY-ELECTIONS

(From Our Correspondent).

THANA: Jan. 30.

Shri J. R. Deogirikar, President, Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, paid a visit to Thana yesterday and discussed with the local Congress workers the ensuing Central Assembly By-election prospects.

A number of Congress workers and leaders from the Central Division being behind prison bars at present, it has been decided to depute immediately Messrs. S. A. Tendulkar and C. T. Ranadive, Congress workers of Thana, to tour Ahmednagar, Nasik and Khandesh Districts for election propaganda.

Under the circumstances Mr. C. T. Ranadive has postponed his "Satyagraha" to a date later than the 10th March, the date of the by-elections.

BOMBAY WAR PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Following is the Loudspeaker programme for to-day:—

Marathi: 8 a.m. Records. 8-5 News. 8-20 Records. 8-25 "Unrest in Rumania"—Talk. 8-30 Records. 8-35 "Japan's Designs"—Talk. 6-30 p.m. Records. 6-35 "Hitler Confused"—Talk. 6-40 Records. 6-45 News. 7 Records. 7-5 "Japan's Feeler to America"—Talk.

Gujarati: 11 a.m. Records. 11-5 News. 11-20 Records. 11-25 "Hitler's Invasion Plans"—Talk. 11-30 Records. 11-35 "Japan's Bill for China Incident"—Talk.

4-30 p.m. Records. 4-35 "Marshal Petain in True Colours"—Talk. 4-40 Records. 4-45 News. 5 Records. 5-5 "Future of Italy"—Talk.

Hindustani: 6 p.m. Records. 6-5 "Hitler's Invasion Plans"—Talk. 6-10 Records. 6-15 "Japan's Bill for China Incident"—Talk. 6-20 Records. 6-25 News. 6-40 Records. 6-45 "Nazi Press on Germany's Plight"—Talk. 6-50 Records. 6-55 "Future of Italy"—Talk.

IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

There will be no meeting of the Improvements Committee on Tuesday, the 4th Feb.

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'BLITZ' TO-MORROW

Mr. R. K. Karanjia, Editor of the "Sunday Standard," announces the publication of a new weekly, called "Blitz" to-morrow (Saturday) morning.

"Blitz" will be the first national all-family news magazine to be published in India. Besides war commentaries and political notes, it will carry pages devoted to women's affairs, humour and tit-bits, cinema, Astrology, Finance and Commerce, etc.

Prominent among contributors to the first issue of "Blitz" will be Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, Mr. K. F. Nariman and Zabak, the well-known columnist.

CITY FATHERS' ROUND

The Municipal Secretary has to state that the Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 9, to-morrow (Saturday) at 5-51 a.m. (B.T.) at Sandhurst Bridge, East Side (Opera House), and go round the ward with them.

GIRGAUM DISTT. CONG. COMMITTEE

At its meeting held on Thursday the Managing Council of the Girgaum District Congress Committee elected Sjt. Baburao K. Gholap as their President in place of Prof. R. B. Bhargava.

Kripalani For Bombay

AHMEDABAD, Jan 30.

Acharya Kripalani, General Secretary of the Congress, is leaving tonight by Gujarat Mail for Bombay, making a brief halt at Baroda.

From Bombay he will proceed to Poona for two days and then go to Wardha.—A. P.

Detenu Aid Committee

A meeting of the Detenu Aid Committee appointed by the Bombay Civil Liberties Union, under the Chairmanship of Mr. N. M. Joshi, was held on the 29th instant. It was decided to collect funds among the public in general and also among Working Classes. It has been decided to organise collection with the help of students and volunteers in boxes on a selected day and to organise a Cinema Show. A Women's Committee will organise collection in the working class area. The Committee proposes to ascertain the needs of the detenus from the families of the detenus and if possible from detenus themselves by getting into touch with them. Miss Godavari Gokhale, will act as the Secretary of the Detenu Aid Committee.

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LOST OPPORTUNITIES

Presiding over the annual general meeting of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, on Wednesday, Mr. C. B. Mehta, the retiring President of the Chamber, deplored the fact that India still continued to be a land of lost opportunities, both from a political and an economic point of view. He had special reason to emphasize this point. The war has brought to India, as to many other countries, some peculiar opportunities both political and economic. Elsewhere free countries with their national Governments seize the opportunities without any avoidable delay. Being free and national, the Governments get full co-operation from the people. As the Governments and the people have common aims, co-operation becomes easy. Things are sadly different in India. The Government are neither free nor national. Being a subordinate branch of the British Government, their policy even normally is "Britain First". It is not much different even during a war like the present one. No doubt there is a lot of talk about industrial revival, research, co-ordination and all that. But in many vital activities in this connection the policy seems to be "Britain First". It is when Britain's interests are not adversely affected that India is given any chance of seizing the war opportunities.

Step-Motherly Attitude

This view is held, not only by Indian politicians, but also by most Indian businessmen. The tale of lost opportunities in the past is a long one and we need not dwell upon it here. We can only endorse the view of Mr. Mehta that "the industrialisation of India would have been complete long ago, had the Report of the Indian Industrial Commission been faithfully followed and had Government conscientiously tried to make India self-contained with regard to necessary industrial products". But this was evidently impossible on account of "the step-motherly attitude of Government towards industries in the past". As regards the present, take the case of the Eastern Group Conference, the first serious attempt in the war to develop the resources of the Empire countries in the East. Mr. Mehta has good reason to fear that, "while the pooling of Empire resources may be a good idea theoretically, it may not be so practically when it is remembered that India being the weakest partner politically may have to suffer ultimately economically, commercially and industrially, as a result of the so-called pooling of the resources". He fears, as do many other businessmen, that "when certain articles are produced in, say, countries like Australia or South Africa, India may be asked not to attempt any production of such articles and to rest satisfied with the other Empire countries producing those articles." These fears were communicated to Government but the representatives of Indian commerce and industries "were practically ignored and neglected with regard to this Conference." It is true that on the eve of the Conference "a sop was thrown to the Indian industrialists by nominating a few of them as advisers." But apart from the fact that they were not selected by responsible business bodies, their powers were extremely limited and they were dismissed, as Mr. Mehta puts it, "like unwelcome guests" long before the Conference met in the plenary session. This is but one of the many tokens of Government's "step-motherly" attitude towards Indian industries.

Freedom First

The neglect of political opportunities is much worse. Congress repeatedly presented precious opportunities for honourable co-operation. But Government consistently ignored them. The result is the wide-spread feeling in the country that, in the words of Mr. M. C. Ghia, the incoming President of the Chamber, "nationalist India could not create genuine enthusiasm for war efforts among the people unless national representatives were placed in a position of adequate power and authority in the Central Government". However, for the very reason that Government are so sadly irresponsive to India's political and economic opportunities, the people themselves must make the best possible use of them till public opinion becomes irresistible. Businessmen should not think that their concern is solely to utilise economic opportunities. Their past experience in such matters and the warnings of the farsighted among them will have gone in vain if businessmen in general do not realise that economic progress must be extremely limited in the absence of adequate political power and if they do not fully play their part in winning that power.

Dictator-Hero

Providence has dealt a grievous blow to Greece. The death of General Metaxas is too poignant in its suddenness for its tragic significance to be grasped in its entirety. It was just three months ago that he spurned the ultimatum of the Duce and refused to bow his neck to the Fascist yoke. "Greece will fight to the death in the vindication of her freedom", he observed in a stirring message to the nation and that call has been more than made good by his gallant people. They not only drove the enemy from the Greek soil almost with a lightning stroke but now actually threaten to clear Albania of Italian troops altogether. Courage of the highest order was required on that fateful night to take the decision to resist, and the issue for General Metaxas personally was all the more crucial in view of his long and intimate connection with Germany. Not only that but he, too, was a dictator in his own rights and the regime which he established was becoming more and more authoritarian every year. Metaxas ruled with an iron hand and gave little quarter to his opponents. But he brought a certain measure of peace among the warring factions and a modicum of prosperity to the long-suffering people of Greece. His glorious record of the last three months will live in Hellenese history long after his political struggles and lapses of the last thirty years are forgotten. Metaxas lived as a Dictator but he dies a national hero.

Mobilising Women-Power

The proposed compulsory registration of British women for essential industries is an indication of the Government's determination "to go to it." It will be remembered that in his last war review in the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill laid special emphasis upon munition factories and agriculture. It is these and not the Fighting Services, he observed, which will make a heavy demand for man-power during the next six months. The registration of women will be general and without distinction, thus doing away with the class snobbery and nepotism which was inherent in the formation of women's auxiliary corps in the early period of the war. The Ministry of Labour will naturally welcome the decision as it can engage many new recruits where they will be most useful. This virtual conscription of women is the latest phase of the present total war, though the Nazis have, of course, conscripted the German women for war industries long since.

Will Hitler Postpone Invasion?

LONDON, (By Cable.)

The "Economist" writes:—

Unity of command is the euphemism used to express the subordination of the Italian High Command to Keitel. Badoglio would not have stomached this and it is doubtful whether Graziani will. And it says little for the "independent spirit" of the Italian monarchy that the Crown Prince has allowed himself to be promoted General this very week. Unity of command means that with the Italians as mercenaries Hitler is now fighting a war on several fronts, a manoeuvre which has never attracted him. If the past is any guide he may prefer to settle each campaign in turn, and the relish, length and explicitness with which the German Press has been preparing us for invasion suggest, in keeping with Germany's habitual deceit, that Hitler's immediate objective is perhaps to postpone invasion until early summer and meantime concentrate on ending the menace on his Balkan flank and rendering our position in the Western Mediterranean untenable.

On the other hand a successful invasion would settle the war once and for all, and as the months pass Hitler's need to finish the war certainly grows no less. If this need is the determining factor, the widespread Mediterranean action would be merely a preliminary designed to draw off ships and aircraft from the defence of Britain—which is perhaps the more likely interpretation. Britain cannot after all be decisively beaten in the Mediterranean and a decisive defeat is what Hitler needs most.

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Hitler's Mediterranean Moves And Spain

It is possible that Hitler will have to fight a full-dress war in the Mediterranean and as a consequence it looks as though the Spanish people, after the respite purchased by General Franco's firmness and by the Nazis' concentration on Britain, are again to move into the front line of diplomatic interest. As an auxiliary in the Atlantic war Spain is quite valuable enough. In a war to drive the British from the Mediterranean, her harbours and air fields are almost indispensable. For what other reasons did the Condor Legions fight in Spain?

There are signs that Spain has learnt the implications of Germany's 'Lebensraum.' In her need she has already turned to the New World. Argentina is granting credits for wheat, the United States have already advanced 13 1|2 million dollars and there are rumours of the negotiation of a far larger credit. Britain, too, has played a part. A £2 million credit will forward Spanish purchases in the sterling area and a further credit is possible if Spain can furnish the necessary exports in exchange. As Mr. Churchill put it "Far be it from us to include Spain and her economic needs in the compass of our blockade. All that we need is that she will not become a channel of supply to our mortal foes.....There is no problem of the blockade that we will not study with a sincere desire to aid Spanish interests and revival. British interests and policy are based on nothing but the independence and unity of Spain".

The Prime Minister's words were perfectly sincere and Portugal is there to show Spain what are our objectives in the Peninsula—stability, prosperity and independence. On the other side of the ledger is the fate of Norway, the Low Countries, France, yes even Italy. We can only hope that if Hitler is again to seek a choice and decision from Spain in the next few weeks the balance-sheet will be drawn up and the answer given in the fundamental interests of Spain.

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British Employment Statistics Analysed

LONDON (By Cable).

The following is a short analysis of British employment statistics:

1. The maximum occupied population is about 22,000,000 of whom about 15,500,000 in Great Britain were insured against unemployment in July, 1939. On December 9, 1940, there were were 705,279 unemployed, a reduction of 85,901 over November. Nor was this due to seasonable influences, for according to the "Economist" index figure, unemployment was falling steadily since January, 1940, and down by 53 per cent. compared with that date and by 61 per cent compared with December, 1938.

2. But even unemployment figures are misleading if taken to mean that all those included in them are available for work. For example 141,848 persons were temporarily stopped in December 1940 and another 21,531 persons normally engaged in casual employment were, as it happened, unemployed when the count was taken, but both sections were not in any sense without the prospect of jobs. And at least another 29,000 men were, according to the Ministry of Labour and National Service's investigation, unfit for employment. The number of women in this category is not known. Further, 35,508 women had registered for work in districts to which they had been evacuated and had, therefore, appeared as unemployed.

The hard core of long term unemployment is being reduced and as between May and November was reduced, it is known, by nearly 53 per cent in the case of men. It is prevalent largely among men over 50 and measures are being taken to fit them in light work.

3. Among the causes of present unemployment is the transfer of workers from one job to another resulting from the cutting down of civilian consumption of commodities which have been drastically reduced by limitation of supplies and orders, taxation, etc. On January 9, the "Times" commented, "There is little unemployed man-power in the country. With man-power so near full occupation, with enlistment still in full swing and with vast demands for additional labour as new munition works come into operation, women in hundreds of thousands must be drawn into industry."

New applicants for jobs may well register themselves at employment exchanges before they take up their employment. If this is the case they are counted as unemployed.

4. So long as unemployment figures are recorded as at present, the figures are not likely to be ever much less than, say, 500,000 but clearly these figures as a measure of both unemployment and the employment position are misleading.

5. In his speech in Parliament on January 22, Mr. Bevin said that to meet the demand for production they had naturally looked in the first instance to surplus man-power available from the manual classes. Though there were published figures of unemployment, he assured the House that the reservoir of men was practically dry. The lists of women registered were being ex-

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INDIA KEPT OUT OF AMERICAN PRESS

WOMAN JOURNALIST FINDS MAHATMA "VERY CHARMING"

WHAT WAR HAS DONE FOR JAPAN

Americans are unanimously anti-Hitler and if they see any possibility of Nazis winning, they are sure to go to the utmost limit to stop it even though fundamentally they are opposed to sending their armies to fight in Europe.

GANDHI IS "VERY CHARMING"

This was the opinion expressed to a "Chronicle" representative by Miss Adrienne Moore, an American journalist who is at present on a 3 year study tour of India.

Miss Moore has been for five months in India and has travelled all over Eastern and Northern India, visited almost all the important towns and met a variety of people. She is studying the social, economic and political problems of the country. She met Gandhiji at Wardha and found him "very charming".

Condition Of Japan

Before she came to India, Miss Moore spent five years in Japan where she was on the staff of "The Japan Advertiser" an American daily paper. She was in Tokyo during the famous February revolution and generally made a keen study of the Japanese life. Many of her impressions she put in her book "Interviewing Japan" which was published last year.

As a result of the war, the cost of living in Japan, she said, has gone up, prices of commodities having risen by 100 to 300 per cent. But the Government has introduced a price control system for necessities of life and so the masses are largely spared the otherwise tight economic pinch. A short time ago there was an acute and temporary shortage of rice and the situation was saved by importing inferior grade Siamese rice. There is a labour shortage and lack of chemical fertilizers which have tended to adversely affect agriculture.

Women Come Into Their Own

One of the results of the war in Japan, said Miss Moore, is the greater scope women have been given in public life. The two leading women's patriotic societies had a total membership of almost 11 millions.

According to her, next to Sweden, Japan had the highest—99 per cent.—standard of literacy which is even higher than in Great Britain or U. S. A. More printed matter was produced in Japan than anywhere else in the world.

India In America

Asked about her own country which she left six months ago, Miss Moore expressed the opinion that Americans who were hitherto very "provincial" in their outlook on international affairs have become internationally-minded. Very few Americans know anything about India beyond "Katherine Mayo, Gandhi, Nehru and Gunther", the American press hardly ever carried but a few lines about India though she thinks the time is near when this situation must be changed. Americans are bounded to become conscious of this vast country, its problems and the role that it is destined to play in world affairs.

Munitions Committee Meets

CALCUTTA, Jan. 30.

A meeting of the Munitions Production Advisory Committee to the Government of India was held to-day in the office of the Director-General of Munitions Production in Calcutta.

Sir Guthrie Russel, presided at the meeting, and the following members of the Standing Committee to the Department of Supply attended on invitation:—Sir A. H. Ghuznavi, Pt. H. N. Kunzru, Pandit Nilkantha Das, Mr. J. H. S. Richardson and Sir Ziauddin Ahmed.

After the meeting, the members of the Standing Committee visited some ordnance factories and engineering works.—A. P.

Frankly Speaking

Japan Pays The Price

According to official figures placed before the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives by the Japanese Finance Minister, the total cost of Japanese hostilities against China since July, 1937 is approximately 17,500,000,000 Yen. This is a staggering figure, particularly when we consider the very low standard of living prevalent in Japan. No wonder that, as independent sources report, the Japanese economy is creaking under the strain and may reach breaking point any day. The Japanese, however, have only themselves to blame for tolerating a Government that has plunged them into this costly and futile war. By the way, in view of the crumbling national economy, the change in the Japanese attitude towards U. S. A., as indicated by Mr. Matsuoka's latest speech, is very significant. While repeating Japan's claim to leadership of Greater Asia, his references to America were definitely conciliatory. Perhaps he has realized the danger of too much jingoistic bluster—in case Uncle Sam decides to call his bluff.

Lend And Lease Bill

The passage of the Lend and Lease Bill through the American Legislature is nowhere in sight yet, though it was expected that it would be enacted within four weeks of its introduction. The opposition, though not so die-hard as feared, is stronger than was expected, in spite of the lead given to the Republican Party by Mr. Wendell Willkie to support the Administration wholeheartedly. Three important amendments are reported to have been voted by the House of Representatives Foreign Committee to limit the President's powers. They do not vitally affect the Administrations' authority and initiative, and purely from the Constitutional point of view they constitute a check on the executive. They are also significant as an indication of the Congress anxiety not to inveigle the United States into the war. But short of that, there will be unanimous support to President Roosevelt.

V. J. T. I. Strike

The Managing Board of the Victoria Jubilee Institute, it is stated, will meet to-day and the most important question before it, of course, will be the strike of the students that has been going on for the past two weeks. The issue on which the strike was declared is the levy of medical fees on hostel students who complain that it is a departure from past practice. The matter is so simple that it could have been, and should have been, settled without recourse to the step which the students ultimately took. A little fore-sight and sympathetic approach would have averted the present situation, which is none too edifying for anybody. The Board certainly cannot afford to ignore the students' case and allow the situation to continue as it is. It should come to a reasonable decision so as to persuade the students to resume their normal duties at the Institute. Any thought of drastic disciplinary action,—if such is at all contemplated,—should be abandoned. If necessary, the whole dispute may be referred to an independent committee in which both sides can have confidence.

"Under Your Tin Hat!"

The Bombay War Publicity Committee has brought out an elegant publication entitled: "Under Your Tin Hat"! It is a beautifully bound volume of extracts from Famous War speeches. This is volume one and whatever we may say of the contents of the book, we are compelled to admit that it could not have been better displayed or featured. This book will be sold with a view to add to the war fund and it has a most fetching exterior. We turn the pages and find Mr. Churchill's language so delightful to read that its value as first class literature of our period overshadows the thought that it is only propaganda. Nowhere else will you find so many beautiful lines collected in so few pages. There is no doubt that the best extracts are from Churchill, and President Roosevelt comes a fair second. But other horses have also performed—horses that are running, some out of distance, some even out of class.

Mohurrum Holiday

The Muslim new year began on Wednesday and the 10th of Mohurrum will fall on Friday 7th instant and not on Saturday 8th instant as, we regret, we inadvertently stated yesterday. Government have announced Saturday 8th instant as a holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act. The tenth day of Mohurrum is the day of the Martyrdom of Imam Hussain and we trust Government will under the discretionary power vested in them by the Act, alter the date of holiday.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Mr. William Randolph Hearst, the American newspaper proprietor, commenting on the British victories in Libya and on the capture of many Italian generals, wrote in the "New York American" of January 24: "It was a great mistake to take these generals out of the war, for they were all busily engaged in losing battles and surrendering armies."

If the capture of generals were kept up, Mr. Hearst added, a younger Italian "may come in to commend and actually do something with the Italian forces."

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Our old friend, Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, is in the news again.

Replying to interpellations, he demanded that Britain, United States and the Soviet should cease aiding China.

So far as Soviet Russia is concerned why doesn't he ask his Axis partner, Hitler, to ask his friend, Stalin, to desist from supplying arms to China?

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"Slow prohibition" is declared to be the policy of the U. P. Government.

The Burra Sahibs in Lucknow and Allahabad, we understand, are steadily increasing the proportion of soda in their whiskies!

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Talking about prohibition, there is no truth in the report that prohibition was enforced by the Bombay Government at last night's War Plane Ball.

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Dr. G. S. Arundale has issued yet another statement. That, of course, is nothing sensational.

"We need a man", he says, "who will begin at the bottom and spread gradually throughout the country, far and wide, the policy of India First—India one."

Your metaphor is a little mixed Doctor, but we have found your man for you—M. N. Roy.

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Dr. Arundale says that with the rarest exceptions he had seldom found any Satyagrahi who was anxious to offer Satyagraha.

Quite possible. Things do sometimes look yellow.

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Now that aeroplanes are carrying torpedoes, we may also find fish climbing trees!

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German genealogists have completed a family tree for Marshal Goering.

It "establishes" that he is a direct descendant of Henry the Lion, Duke of Saxony and Bavaria, and as such of King Henry the II of England (1154-1189) whose daughter, Maud, married Henry the Lion.

So the fat Marshal may vie with Hitler to claim the crown of England.

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'My wife,' Mr. Jones declared, 'used to get nervous every time she heard a noise downstairs, but I assured her that such a noise couldn't come from burglars, as those chaps are careful never to make a sound.'

'That calmed her, eh?' said Mr. Jones's companion.

'Not at all', said Mr. Jones. 'She gets nervous now whenever she doesn't hear anything.'

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

And if the worm does turn, what does it benefit him?

Better a boy in the schoolroom than two in the poolroom.

Don't be too anxious to grasp an opportunity that is sizzling hot.

The things that we try to keep dark come to light sooner or later.

Many a man gets a reputation for being good natured because he is too timid to stand up for his rights.

A man will never acquire a fortune unless he is proof against buying useless things because they are cheap.

IN AFRICA

British Troops Capture Derna

Benghazi Next Objective: Italian Air Force Brings New Type Of Fiat Fighters Into Use

CAIRO, January 30.

It is officially announced that Derna has been captured.

It is now regarded as certain that Benghazi will be taken.

There are so far no indications of the number of prisoners nor of the materials captured at Derna.

The Egyptian Governor of the Western Desert and his civilian officials are returning to Mersa Matruh.

CIVILIANS QUIT DERNA

As advanced elements topped the escarpment overlooking Derna to prepare its capture, Italian civilians below were being frantically evacuated from newly-created villages in the Green Gebel (mountain) area towards Barce writes Reuter's special correspondent with British forces at Derna.

Derna is apparently less well fortified than either Bardia or Tobruk, although bigger in size than either of these towns. The garrison had coastal defence guns and anti-aircraft and light field guns. The batteries of these last plastered the road endeavouring to hinder the inevitable attack. The harbour has only an artificial anchorage formed by a mole and big ships have to discharge their cargoes into lighters.

NEXT ENCOUNTER

Even while the fall of Derna is being prepared, further advanced British Imperial Forces some miles south of here were in contact with enemy batteries of medium field guns and an Italian armoured force of medium tanks, motorcyles and many of Italy's latest thirteen type and more heavily armourplated tanks. Italian morale is reported to be low. An entirely new type of battle terrain lies westward.

END OF DESERT

The desert waste which the British Imperial Forces have taken in their stride for over 200 miles from the Egyptian frontier is now at an end and the Green Gebel area commences. The Gebel may be compared to a giant slice of Christmas cake. The escarpment overlooking the sea is like a thick crust of icing. But the centre of the cake is crumbly and on the other side the cake slides away into the sandy waters of the desert. British mechanised forces are unable to eat their way through with the same rapidity as across the pure desert, where every inch of the way represents a good main road for the latest type of British tank. Such country favours more the present holders of the cake.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE ACTIVE

The Italian Air Force bombed and machinegunned British advanced elements on the Derna Road. Some dive-bombers were seen to be escorted by a newer type of Italian Fiat 50 monoplane fighters. But the attacks were spasmodic and ineffectual and did not impede our troops from pushing on with great tenacity. From the rear, reinforcements and supplies followed up with effortless ease. A Salvation Army van in addition to N.A.A.F.I. units came this way.

ON AFRICAN FRONTS.

British forces in Libya this morning overran Derna.

Operations are also continuing satisfactorily against all other parts of Italy's African Empire, a Communique reveals.

It is disclosed that South African Transport Companies smoothed the work for the deeper British cut into Eritrea.

COLOURED MEN DO THEIR BIT

The Cape Mechanical Transport Companies consist, it is learned, of units of South African coloured men, whose work closely approximates that of the pioneer corps in England. They are principally engaged in constructing roads and clearing others to ensure speedy and smooth transport.

Similar useful work was done by the Cape Corps in East Africa in the last war.

The Communique states.

"LIBYA: The capture of Derna was completed this morning.

ERITREA: In the Agordat-Barentu sector, the concentration of our forces is proceeding smoothly in spite of distances and physical difficulties, which have been largely overcome by the work of the Cape Mechanical Transport companies.

ABYSSINIA: Intensive patrolling continues east of Metemma.

ITALIAN SOMALILAND: In all sectors work is progressing on improved forward roads in support of our advanced patrols whose activities across the frontier are continuing unabated."—Reuter

Suez Canal Area Bombed

LONDON, Jan. 30.

The Suez Canal area was subjected to an air attack this morning. Bombs were dropped but no damage was caused and there were no casualties according to an official announcement.

Alerts were sounded in Cairo and other places in Lower and Upper Egypt, as enemy planes passed over towards the Canal area.—Reuter.

German Berthas Busy Again

Bombs Over London And East Anglia: Nazi Raider Shot Down In Essex: R. A. F. Attacks Wilhelmshaven

LONDON, Jan. 30.

German longrange guns from the French coast were again in action this morning. No casualties or damage is reported.

London has had two alerts upto 4 p.m. (G.M.T.) and gunfire was heard.

A lone raider dropped some bombs on London suburbs this morning and there were some casualties.

London experienced another day of intermittent air raid alerts following last night's firebomb attack, which was again defeated by civilians. German aircraft operating singly dropped bombs in London area and in parts of southeast England and East Anglia. Some houses and shops were damaged but it is officially stated that the number of casualties so far reported is small.

BOMBS ON LONDON

During one London alert houses in three streets were damaged and women and children were trapped in the debris. Here some fatal casualties occurred. One bomb fell in a street, another near a tram track, third near the gates of an industrial building.

German fighters over Dover reverted to their pastime of last summer of shooting at barrage balloons. A thick fog and low cloud, above which the balloons floated, obscured the raiders from anti-aircraft defences but they were given a hot reception. Some balloons were shot down.

One German plane was destroyed by fighters in the afternoon over Essex.

Raeder's Prophecy Comes True

British bombers attacked targets at Germany's naval base of Wilhelmshaven and other places in north-west Germany last night. The number of aircraft engaged, it is officially disclosed, was small.

None of the British aircraft is missing.

The raid on Wilhelmshaven which was the 42nd of the war followed two days after Admiral Raeder had warned German dockyard workers that the R.A.F. would return and bomb them. Admiral Raeder told his silent audience, drawn from Wilhelmshaven and Kiel, that the danger from air attacks "is growing."—Reuter.

British Trawler Sunk

LONDON, Jan. 30.

The trawler "Pelton" has been sunk, announces an Admiralty communique. The next of kin of the casualties have been informed.—Reuter.

Hitler's Speech

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because they were opposed by a combination of plutocratic Jewish hate instincts and ambitions of refugees.

NO QUARREL WITH BRITAIN

I never had a single point of dispute with Britain and offered her my hand again and again. The only difference was that on the colonies, and this was not an urgent problem." The colonies he said, were "useless to Britain." Yet she "clung to them with the avarice of an old usurer."

Hitler went on to assert that British Labour leaders were now plagiarizing the social ideas of Nazism. "If the war lasts long enough," he added, "this will have disastrous effects for Britain. They will have to send a mission over to us to take over our social programme."

STORY OF HIS 'PEACE OFFERS'

Speaking of his peace offers since the outbreak of the war Hitler said "when I offered my hand to Britain after the collapse in the west, I was met by sneers and insults. They spat at me."

WARNING TO U. S.

Hitler then warned America against helping Britain. "Whoever wants to help Britain must know that every ship that comes near our torpedo tubes will be torpedoed.

If the American States should attempt to inervene in the European conflict, our aims will change at once. Europe will resist such an attempt.

AXIS A 'HAPPY FAMILY'

It is useless to predict any differences with Italy or that Italy will slide out. Equally useless is it to invent revolutions in Italy. Wherever we can strike at Britain, we shall strike. If the British think they see a proof of their victory in a few misfortunes which have befallen our partner, I do not understand their argument."

Speaking of his relations with Mussolini, Hitler said "we two are neither Jews, nor business dealers. If we have joined hands, this is the hand-clasp of men of honour."

Concluding, Hitler said "if the British think that by propaganda and lies they will alienate the German people, I must say, they should not have slept so long. It is as ridiculous as their present attempt to try to bring about an estrangement between the Italian people and the Duce. We enter the new year with an armed might which is prepared and never before in German history.

U-BOAT WARFARE IN SPRING

This spring we will begin a U-boat warfare and our enemies will then feel we were not asleep. We are confident we shall achieve victory. We pray to God, may He not forsake our struggle in the new year 1941.

Invitation To Britain

"I have read on several occasions that the English intend to start a great offensive somewhere. I would ask them to let me know about it beforehand. I would then have that area in Europe evacuated. I would gladly spare them the difficulties of landing and we would express our views once again using the only language they understand. We stand here on this Continent and from where we stand, nobody can move us. We have created certain bases. When the hour strikes we shall deal decisive blows. And that we have made most of our time, they will be taught by history this year. They are calling for America. We have taken into account every possibility in advance," said Hitler and added that Germany had never had any interest on the American Continent.

After the speech, Dr. Goebbels shouted "Command, my Fuehrer. We obey, and shall follow you."—

RESTRICTING GROUNDNUT CULTIVATION

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30.

The Government of India, it is announced, have come to the general conclusion that it will be necessary to restrict groundnut cultivation in order to prevent the constant threat of low prices as a result of overproduction.

A proposal has been made to compensate groundnut producers who are willing to submit to restriction and this proposal will be considered at a conference to be held here shortly of representatives of provinces and states concerned.

The Madras and Hyderabad Governments have already intimated their willingness to take part in the conference.

It is understood that the Conference will meet here on Friday, February 14, and that the extent of maximum restriction which experts have in view is 33 per cent. The date of introduction of the proposed restriction will be decided at the forthcoming conference.—A. P.

Forced Loan To Meet Costs Of German Army

Nazis Threaten Dutch With 40-Year Annuity Levy In Event Of Non-Subscription

LONDON, Jan. 29.

The threat of a forced loan to meet the cost of the German army of occupation in the Netherlands is made in the prospectus of a 500 million Guilder four per cent., 10-year loan to which the Dutch are being asked to subscribe in order to finance increased State expenditure due to the fact that the army of occupation costs the Dutch people millions of Guilders weekly.

According to news received in Dutch circles in London the prospectus threatens that in case of non-subscription a compulsory 40-year annuity-levy at 2½ per cent., will be enforced.—Reuter.

"Will Live With My Troops Till Victory Is Won"

LONDON, Jan. 30.

Reuter's Special Correspondent at Haile Sellassie's Headquarters in Abyssinia, writes: The Emperor of Ethiopia received me in audience on Wednesday in an exclusive and first interview granted after his entry into Abyssinia. He sat in a camouflaged tent pitched under a thorn tree and protected from the glare of the sun by a glass palisade.

The Emperor broke his usual practice of using an interpreter by talking to me slowly but precisely in good English, "I am both relieved and pleased to be back again in my own country among my people and already I can smell the scents of trees and aromas in the air, which I know so well, and have longed for during the years of tribulation and separation from my people.

He told me, "I have come to live with my troops and share their ordeal and triumphs until victory is won. I shall live as they do.

BRITAIN'S 'MISTAKE' IN CAPTURING GENERALS

LONDON, (By Cable.)

Mr. William Randolph Hearst, the American newspaper proprietor, commenting on the British victories in Libya and on the capture of many Italian generals, wrote in the "New York American" of January 24. "It was a great mistake to take these generals out of the war, for they were all busily engaged in losing battles and surrendering armies."

If the capture of generals were kept up, Mr. Hearst added, a younger Italian "may come in to command and actually do something with the Italian forces."

WILLKIE BREAKS CONVENTIONS

LONDON, Jan. 30.

Mr. Wendell Willkie threw convention to the winds to-day, when he left his Parklane Hotel, went to a public house, had a pint of beer, played darts with builders and labourers, stood drinks to a party of soldiers on leave. Later, Mr. Willkie called at the Admiralty and saw the First Lord, Mr. A. V. Alexander, and was shown the map room during an air raid.—Reuter.

GOVERNOR DOES AUCTIONING

At "War Plane" Ball At Government House

Entertainment on a grand scale was provided at the Government House War 'Plane Ball, which was held on Thursday night.

Among the many things auctioned on the occasion were a letter written to Marshal Graziani by General Maletti who was killed in the battle of Sidi Barrani, a pamphlet dropped on England by a German 'plane, setting out Hitler's last "appeal to reason" embodied in a speech on July 19, 1940, a racing brow-band bearing the racing colours of King George V and three thoroughbred race horses. The auctioning was done by the Governor of Bombay.

Prize for lucky numbers were announced by Lady Lumley, who was also seen moving about taking a keen interest in sale.

Dancing went on till early hours of the morning in the Darbar Hall.

LONDON, Jan. 30.

The loss of a Netherlands submarine in Allied war operations is announced by the London headquarters of the Royal Netherlands Navy.—Reuter.

184 KHAKSARS JAILED

LAHORE, Jan. 30.

The general round-up of Khaksars from a number of Mosques in the city in June last was recalled to-day when 184 Khaksars were convicted and sentenced by a local Magistrate to various terms of imprisonment ranging from six months to five and a half years.

CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST A.-I. T. U. C. CHIEF

(From Our Correspondent.)

NAGPUR, Jan. 30.

Charges under Defence of India Rules were framed against Kalappa, president A. I. T. U. C., by the City Magistrate, to-day. Judgment will be delivered to-morrow.

LOST JOB FOR ATTENDING SATYAGRAHA MEETING

(From Our Correspondent.)

NAGPUR, Jan. 30.

In Deoli Tahsil of Wardha Mr. Suende, School Attendance Officer, was dismissed after attending Satyagraha meeting by Mr. Acharya, nominated President of Deoli Municipal Committee.

Citizens' meeting condemned the action.

Ban On Arms In Benares

BENARES, Jan. 30.

The District Magistrate of Benares has promulgated Sec. 144 Cr. P. C. prohibiting the carrying of arms, etc. in view of the forthcoming Moharrum celebrations.—A. P.

Search And Arrests In Tellicherry

MADRAS, Jan. 30.

A Tellicherry message says the police searched about a dozen houses in three villages, when it is stated alleged Communist literature, leaflets and other material were seized. Two persons were also arrested under the Defence of India Rules and are in police custody at Tellicherry.—A. P.

Hindi Leaflets Proscribed

PATNA, Jan. 30.

Two Hindi leaflets "Communist bulletin" and "Khatre Ki Pahl Ghantiz" have been proscribed by the Bihar Government under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

More Convictions And Arrests

BOMBAY, Jan. 30.

Following are the names of persons arrested and sentenced under the Defence of India Rules:—

SENTENCED

BELGAUM: Patrappa Hadapad and Rayangouda botin of Tallur and Balappa Sutkatti of Ghotgeri sentenced to four months' simple each; S. N. Mali of Chikodi, six months' simple.

AURANGABAD: Umeshwari Charan six months' R. I.

SIWAN: Mahadeva Prasad one year's R. I.

DUMKA: Gobardhan Dubey, six months' R. I.

ARRAH: Chandramani Singh, three months' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 100, in default further three months' imprisonment.

DEOGHAR: Parmanand Singh, six months' R. I. Srimati Jagatrang Devi has been arrested at Gaya.

BENARES: Atmaram Singh, six months' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 50 in default one month further imprisonment.

GHAZIPUR: Dhanraj Rai, six months' R. I.; Mrs. Keshari Devi, one month's imprisonment.

BALIA: Shamsher Bahadur Singh, one year's R. I. and a fine of Rs. 40 in default further three months'; Mrs. Dalpati has been arrested.

AZAMGARH: Dharma Deva Rai, one year's R. I. Messrs Sitaram Arya, Mohammad Yahia, Balkrishna Singh and Umrao Singh, six months' R. I. each.

ALLAHABAD: Messrs. Manna Ram Tripathi and Suraj Dutt Bankata Bashista Muni, one year's R. I. and a fine of Rs. 50 in default further six week's each. Ganesh Prasad Jaiswal, one year's R. I. and a fine of Rs. 100 in default six weeks' further imprisonment.

ARRESTED

HUBLI: Somalingappa Byapur of Bijapur at Mudebihal; Ganpat Krishna Gaonkar, President Yellapur Taluka Congress Committee. Narain Keshin of Karwar District and Wagamode.

NAGPUR: H. J. Khandekar, Harijan, M.L.A., President, Nagpur Forward Bloc, who was arrested on 24th January, under the Defence of India Rules in connection with a speech he delivered on Jan. 18, was sentenced to-day to one year's rigorous imprisonment.—A. P.

MUNICIPAL CHAIRMAN ARRESTED.

YEOTMAL, Jan. 30.

Sheth Tarachand Surana, a wealthy banker and municipal chairman, offered Satyagraha and was arrested to-day.

ARRESTED IN U. P. VILLAGES.

CAWNPORE, Jan. 30.

Dr. P. N. Banerjee and Mr. Ramanuj, who offered Satyagraha to-day in villages Bilhour and Pasikhera respectively were arrested under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

Ian Hay Quits War Office

LONDON, Jan 29.

The War Office announces that Maj.-Gen. Beith (Ian Hay, the well-known novelist) has resigned his appointment as Director of Public Relations at the War Office. Mr. Eden has accepted the resignation with great regret and high appreciation of Major-General Beith's great services to the army and appointed Col. Walter Elliott to succeed him.—Reuter.

MAILS FROM INDIA TO BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 29.

In reply to an invitation in the House of Commons to make a statement on the transport of mails from India and any losses "en route", Captain Waterhouse said that no information had hitherto reached him of the loss of any mails from India by enemy action.—Reuter

Greeks Capture 16,000 Italians

Occupy Important Position After Fortnight's Fighting

LONDON, January 30.

It is now learned in London that so far the Greeks have captured sixteen thousand Italian prisoners.

Yesterday the Greek troops occupied a most important height in the Central sector after a fortnight's fighting; 250 prisoners and a large amount of material was captured and the Italian casualties were considerable.

COUNTER-ATTACKS OF ITALIANS SMASHED

Greeks Cut Off Two Battalions, Continue Advance In Central And Northern Sectors

LONDON, Jan. 30.

Greek troops cut off two Italian battalions according to a Greek Press Ministry statement broadcast by the Athens radio on Wednesday night. The Italians, says the statement, have continued their desperate counter-attacks during the past 24 hours with results disastrous to themselves.

Fighting is especially severe in the central sector of front, where Gen. Ugo Cavallero, the new Italian Commander-in-Chief, has been making supreme efforts. Two Italian battalions have been cut off from their base.

Dispersed by Greek Artillery Fire in a counter-attack on Monday, two other detachments are now isolated and hiding in a wood.

Considerable advance has been made by Greek forces after they had broken up Italian movements in the Central and Northern sectors yesterday. The Italians retreated in disorder. Every Italian effort since General Cavallero started his offensive has cost them dear in men and material, the statement adds.

"Britain, U. S. And Soviet Should Cease Helping China"

MODEST DEMAND OF JAPAN!—DETERMINED TO FIGHT CHINA TO THE LAST ! !

TOKYO, Jan. 30.

DEMAND THAT BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET SHOULD CEASE AIDING CHINA WAS REITERATED TODAY BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. MATSUOKA REPLYING TO INTERPELLATIONS IN THE LOWER HOUSE. HE SAID THAT BEFORE HE BECAME FOREIGN MINISTER, HE FELT THAT THE BEST WAY WAS TO USE DIPLOMATIC MEANS FOR THIS PURPOSE, BUT HE FOUND THE POSITION VERY AGGRAVATED.

He had not, however, given up whatever hopes that remained of inducing Britain and America to change their policy, but at the same time would fight Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek to the last with unshakable determination.

WILL SHOW STRONG DETERMINATION TO U. S.

Asked whether he still hoped for success of peaceful negotiations with the Netherlands East Indies in the face of possible armed intervention by the United States with Japan's southward advance, Mr. Matsuoka replied that though negotiations were fraught with difficulties the "apparent desire of the Netherlands to reach an agreement and avoid the worst, warranted his making every effort until the last. Japan will show strong determination to the United States in respect of possible interference by that country."

HOPE NOT ABANDONED

He hoped that the Soviet would cease assisting Chiang-Kai-Shek, but he was not in a position to make a definite statement. Regarding the United States his views might sound pessimistic, but there was no such word as hopeless in the diplomatic dictionary, so he had not abandoned hope.

He ended by drawing the attention of the American people to the "possible catastrophe to humanity" that America's entry into the European war might entail.—Reuter.

SIR E. PEACOCK FOR U. S.

LONDON, Jan. 29.

The forthcoming visit of Sir Edward Peacock to America to examine the possibilities of investments such as businesses in the United States is announced in a Treasury statement.—Repter.

RUIA COLLEGIANS WIN A.-I. TROPHY

Mr. D. V. Sakrikar and Mr. V. M. Bhave, two students of the Ramnarain Ruia College won the All-India Debating Championship trophy in the competition held under the auspices of the Government Law College, Delhi. Colleges from all over India were represented.

The trophy was a miniature Kutub-Minar in solid silver.

RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING MONEY TO EIRE LIFTED

LONDON, Jan. 30.

War-time restriction on the taking of money by travellers to Eire was eased by a Treasury order announced on Wednesday night.

Hitherto travellers had only been allowed to take up to £25 in notes or Eire currency without special permission. In future they will be allowed to take sterling notes or Eire pounds up to any amount.—Reuter.

Mr. De Valera also announced further restrictions on the use of petrol. For the time being, at least, no licenses will be issued to private car owners except for limited quantities of petrol for doctors, clergymen and people engaged in the essential services. Reduction will also be made in the quantities available for omnibus and other transport purposes and for industrial plants and agricultural tractors.

NO KNOWLEDGE OF LOSS OF MAILS FROM INDIA

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FOREIGN FILMS IN TOWN

'CHARLEY'S AUNT' AT NEW EMPIRE

Hilarious Comedy Of Undergraduate Life At Oxford

At the New Empire from to-day comes a most funny comedy which will entertain the most grim of men and make them laugh hilariously. The setting for this comedy is the Bowgate College at Oxford.

The picture is 'Charley's Aunt,' starring Arthur Askey, Richard Murdock, Moore Marriot and Graham Moffat in a riot boyish mischief and undergraduate naughtiness. It was originally a farce and has now been brought to the screen as a Gainsborough film.

Although it has been filmed twice previously and has been running all over the world since it was first produced 50 years ago, it loses nothing of its freshness and with Askey in the title role, no greater gale of laughter has been heard for years.

The fun is laid, of course, in Oxford's Bowgate College where Arthur, Stinker and their buddy Albert are constantly in trouble with the Dean and Proctor. The trouble for Askey—and the high-geared fun for the audience—starts in the first sequence when Arthur and "Bulldog" Wally Patch climb along a ledge of the college in a race to remove a mortar board and a pair of Arthur's "combs" which had been placed on the college founder's bust. No prizes for guessing who put them there!

Arthur is "gated" but breaks bounds in order to play in the college version of "Charley's Aunt." But he is caught again and, when in danger of being "sent down," invents an aunt from Birmingham whom he impersonates.

In the role of Lady Blessington-Smythe he flirts coyly with the head proctor in a punt before landing them both in the Thames.

When the real Aunt Lucy turns up, Arthur and Co., retire speedily from their seat of learning.

This is but a bare outline of a yarn which has a laugh in every foot. . . . hundreds of delicate incidents are created with a ludicrous knockabout chase, complications are created in the punt and many chaste innuendoes follow a visit to a ladies' college to dry off after his dip in the Thames.

A star from 'The Mummy's Hand' at Regal.

A Scene from 'The Thief of Bag dad' at Excelsior in Second Week.

SABU'S VARIOUS VEHICLES

Role In 'The Thief Of Bagdad' At Excelsior

Sabu, the little Indian boy, has used some very fancy modes of transportation in the pictures in which he has appeared. In his first film he rode an elephant, and, in his second, a pure-blooded Arabian charger but these are very mundane compared to the methods he uses to get about in his role in Alexander Korda's all-Technicolour production, "The Thief Of Badgad," now running for the second week at Excelsior Theatre.

In "The Thief of Bagdad" Sabu disdains such simple things as elephants and horses and resorts instead to several efficient, if fantastic, substitutes. He uses first a Flying Horse, then the Magic Carpet of Arabian Nights fame and finally when these lose their novelty he employs a 200-foot-tall djinni as a beast of burden to take him from place to place.

Sabu was born in 1923 in the Karapur Jungle, 45 miles from the city of Mysore in Southern India. His father, Sheik Ibrahim, was a mahout in the service of the Maharajah of Mysore.

The boy was literally born and brought up among the elephants, and on the death of his father he continued to spend most of his time around the elephant stables, living with his elder brother who drove a taxi in the streets of Mysore. At this time Sabu was but six years old, and as an orphan he received his father's pension of 2 rupees a month.

It was while the lad was riding through the streets of a village astride one of the Maharajah's big pachyderms that he was discovered by Robert Flaherty, then on location for scenes for the London Films production of "Elephant Boy," and was immediately tested and signed for the leading role in that production, his first appearance on the screen.

At that time Sabu was unable to speak a word of English and understood but little, but the services of a Brahmin teacher were secured and the boy's quick wit and intelligence made it possible for him, in an incredibly short time, to speak with only a slight trace of accent the lines of dialogue required.

Sabu's next assignment was the role of Prince Azim Safeyd in "Drums", a thrilling adventure story enacted against the background of the famed Khyber Pass on the Northern border of India, where his natural talents displayed themselves in a remarkable fashion.

Sabu made his first trip to the United States accompanied by his brother and two Sikh guards attired in turbans, in the Fall of 1938, in connection with the release of "Drums". He flew to San Francisco and visited Hollywood, where he met the motion picture stars.

WALLACE BEERY IN A THRILLER

Role Best Suited To Renowned Character Actor

When Wallace Beery takes to the Great Outdoors his fans are usually sure of some great entertainment. Particularly is this true in "Bad Man of Wyoming", thrill packed saga of the pioneer West, filmed in the Jackson Hole country of Wyoming. Like its predecessor. "Bad Man of Brimstone", its section and comedy are played against scenery of breath-taking beauty.

Beery plays Reb Harkness, reformed train robber who assumes protection of Ann Rutherford and little Bobs Watson, whose father has been killed by cattle raiders. In doing so he becomes the leader of the forces of law and order in a primitive wilderness, helps General Custer in his Indian fighting, breaks up a band of desperadoes headed by Joseph Calleia. On other hand he plays Lothario and courts Marjorie Main, the "Lady Blacksmith", in his funniest romance since "Min and Bill".

As the good-natured but tough Harkness Beery has a role ideally suited to his talents, even to the harmonica playing. Miss Rutherford is beautiful and a clever actress, and is the young romantic figure of the story opposite Lee Bowman, debonair as Custer's young lieutenant. Beery and little Bobs Watson provide some of the finest scenes in the picture, and his comedy with Leo Carrillo enlivens many a moment. Joseph Calleia is convincingly menacing as the villainous Buckley. Richard Thorpe's direction is deft, and the camera work by Clyde DeVinna of great beauty.

Players include Henry Travers, Clem Bevans, Sara Haden, Russell Simpson, Chief Thundercloud, Dick Alexander, Addison Richards, Glenn H. Lucas. Hundreds appear in raid and battle sequences.

Youth Marches On

The New Empire Theatre will screen along with Charley's Aunt" from Friday, January 31st a short entitled "Youth Marches On," an excellent film depicting the nature, scope and achievements of the Moral Re-Armament Movement. It is a most interesting subject, which should be seen by all the young in heart.

Auntie and Nephew at New Empire in 'Charley's Aunt.'

ANCIENT MUMMY ALIVE AGAIN

Romantic And Weird Story Of Bygone Egypt

Universal Studios' singular knack of creating outstanding horror dramas is again strongly demonstrated in "The Mummy's Hand", new shocker film which opened yesterday at the Regal Theatre.

Egypt, land of mystery and intrigue, is the setting for the production. Defying the curse of the Gods, which decree death to those who dare disturb the dead, a small expeditionary group goes into the desert to search for the tomb of an ancient princess. Their weird adventures, climaxed by an encounter with a 3,000-year-old death-dealing mummy monster, provide a steady flow of spine-tingling action and suspense.

Dick Foran gives one of his best performances as the young archaeologist who leads the expedition. Peggy Moran is both decorative and capable as his romantic interest and supporting roles are expertly played by Wallace Ford, Cecil Kellaway, Eduardo Ciannelli, George Zucco and Tom Tyler, who appears as the mummy. Other prominent artistes in the cast are Charles Trowbridge, Sigfried Arno and Leon Belasco.

Griffith Jay wrote the original story and collaborated with Maxwell Shane on the exciting screenplay.

Direction by Christy Cabanne has brought out in full force the dramatic elements of the story. Elwood Brendell's camera work contributes much to the eerie atmosphere of the production.

"UNTAMED" AT CAPITOL

Employing for its background the impressive grandeur of the mountains and forests of the North-Canadian Rockies, and co-starring three of Hollywood's most popular personalities—Ray Milland, Patricia Morison and Akim Tamiroff—Paramount has contrived an exciting and completely entertaining triangle drama in its motion picture version of Sinclair Lewis' intriguing story, "Mantrap", which has been brought to the screen under the title "Untamed", and will be shown at the Capitol Cinema from Friday.

Outstandingly fine performances have been given, not only by Milland, Miss Morison and Tamiroff, but also by Jane Darwell and William Frawley in featured roles, and the entire supporting cast.

Hostile Attitude Of Mysore Govt. Towards Congress Criticised

The Publicity Officer, Mysore Congress, writes:—

"General Election in Mysore State under the new constitution Act, 1940, will take place on February 8th, 9th and 10th. About one-third of the candidates set up by the Congress have been rejected on very trivial grounds. All demands of the State Congress for constitutional advance have always met with strong opposition from the Stage Government The Government's policy towards the Congress in the State is characterised by hostility"

Therefore the Working Committee of the State Congress after deeply deliberating over the entire situation have come to the conclusion in consultation with Mahatma Gandhi that the election campaign should be intensified in respect of candidates whose applications have not been rejected, that due publicity should be given and propaganda carried on to expose the public wrongs and injustice to which the people are subjected, that a memorial should be submitted to His Highness the Maharaja and that a deputation should wait on His Highness praying for the redress of the grave injustice done to his subjects in the matter of the rejection of over a hundred notices of candidature to the elections to the Assembly and the Council and that the constructive programme of the Congress namely the spread of Khadi and spinning in particular, the removal of untouchability, the prevention of drink, the growth of communal harmony, spread of literacy and the encouragement of Village and Cottage industries should be carried on intensively and extensively in the State.

The Working Committee requests the people throughout the State to meet the injustice of the authorities by greater determination in support of the Congress and by developing greater courage to withstand all oppression in a truly non-violent spirit. The Working Committee finally appeals to all the voters in every Constituency to record their votes entirely in favour of the Congress Candidates wherever they stand inspite of intimidation, coercion and open canvassing by Government officials and thereby prove that the demand of the Congress for the establishment of Full Responsible Government is Statewide and irresistable.

Nizam's Railway Employees

APPEAL TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT

(From A Correspondent.)

SECUNDERABAD, (By Mail.)

A meeting of the Nizam's State Railway employees was held at Lallaguda under the chairmanship of Mr. M. Fathulla Khan, President of the Employees' Union, when several workers spoke alleging that corruption was ripe in the various workshops of the Railway. Giving a number of specific instances, they alleged how due to corrupt practices of the supervising staff and favouritism, the claims of the deserving and senior were being overlooked.

The speakers further referred to their long-standing grievances and appealed to the Nizam's Government as well as to the Nizam's Government as well as to the British Government to afford the workers immediate relief.

Hindu Sabha's Preparation For Direct Action

NAGPUR, Jan. 29.

The setting up of Provincial and District Councils of Action to enrol volunteers ready to participate in the Hindu Mahasabha's contemplated "direct action" movement and to undertake various other duties is urged in a resolution which was passed by the Central Council of Action of the Hindu Mahasabha on 19th January at Delhi and now released to the press by its General Secretary, Mr. V. G. Deshpande.

The volunteers would be required to sign the Hindu Mahasabha pledge and should be ready to undergo sufferings and sacrifices according to the directions of the Council of Action.

It was also resolved to convene a conference of members of Provincial Councils of Action in March next.—A.P.

Cutchi Muslim Free Night School

(From A Correspondent.)

The opening ceremony of the Muslim Cutchi Free Night School was performed by Mr. M. A. Jinnah last Monday night at Ali Umer Street, Bombay. Mr. Ibrahim Haji Mahomed Mistry, one of the leading organisers of the school, also addressed the gathering.

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WELL, M'DEAR, LOVE IS SOMETHING THAT CAN'T BE MEASURED BY THE YARD!
I KNOW, BUT WOULD YOU GO THROUGH FIRE AND WATER FOR ME?
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT WHY DIDN'T YOU MARRY A FIREMAN!
SHE'D A DONE MUCH BETTER TO MARRY ANYTHING BUT YOU!
MOTHER! MUTT, HELP MOTHER WITH HER THINGS SHE'S STAYING WITH US!
NOW I KNOW WHAT SHE MEANT ABOUT ME GOING THROUGH FIRE AND WATER!
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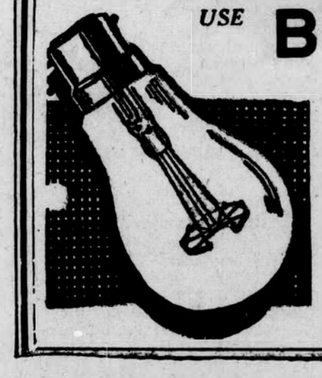

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A Handicap for Indian Horses Starred in Classes III and IV.

Fable 9-11, Blue Mantle 8-11, Advance 9-9, Pompom 9-5, Rising Sun 8-11, Black Magic 8-9, Limelight 8-7, Silver Armour 8-2, Miss O. K. 8-0, Shermount 7-11, The Duchess 7-11, Princep 7-4.

THE BROOME PLATE (Div. I). Dist.—6 furlongs.

Masque 9-0, So That's That 8-9, Gone With The Wind 8-9, Spring Glory 8-9, Neocell 8-8, Fresh Kid 8-6, Apple Jelly 8-6, Dightena Valley 8-6, Albertine 8-6, Gipsy Girl 8-5, Royal Apple 8-4, Spun Glass 8-4, Ramban 8-2, Legendary 8-2, Right Bet 8-0, Kotor 7-11, Night Reveller 7-7.

THE ECLIPSE STAKES OF INDIA. Dist.—1¼ miles.

Steel Helmet 9-7, Illuminate 8-7, Coeur De Lion 9-7, Passapasse II 9-7, Baqlava 9-7, Tall Story 9-7, Linguaphone 8-11, Pierrot 9-4, Caerloptic 9-0, Foxhound 9-0, El Obro 9-4, Shrift 9-4, Earnest 9-4, Chanak 9-4, Harischandra 9-0, Glory of Kolhapur 9-0, Bistolfi 9-0, Crushed Corn 9-0, Respirator 9-0, Cave Man 9-0, Talma 9-0, Ati 9-0, Adaris 8-11, Horatius 8-11.

THE WILLINGDON PLATE. Dist.—1 mile.

Finalist 10-2, Phakos 9-4, Usk 8-7, Hellenikos 8-4, Earnest 8-2, One I Love 8-0, National Flag 8-0 Let Slip 8-0, San Francisco 7-9, Multissimo 7-11, Leander 7-9, Ati 7-7, Harlem 7-7.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE STAKES. Dist.—1 mile, 1 furlong

Winning Lot 9-0, Delphi 8-13, Sun Beam 8-13, Nexus 8-4, Panaster 8-13, Ravioli 8-11, Blandstar 8-10, Monocle 8-9, Moradabad 8-6, Golden Mantle 8-2, Military 8-6, Vandyke 8-4, Fire Alarm 8-4, Steephurst 8-4, Faris II 8-4, Shivaji The Great 8-2, Maratha Emperor 7-11, Cash 7-11, Houdini 8-2, Solmint 7-12, Lights On 7-12, Moorsotis 7-11, Le Duc 7-9, Retort 7-9, Ministrone 7-7, Toltec 7-7.

THE GAYE PLATE. Dist.—1 mile.

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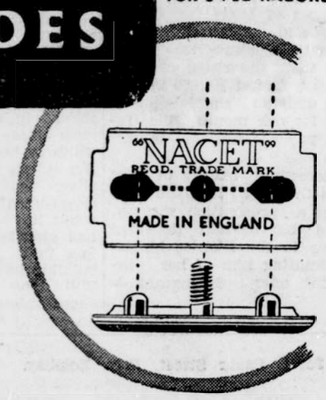

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Advance Cochin

Legislature Demands More Departments Under Popular Control

COCHIN, Jan. 30.

The Cochin Legislative Council carried to-day without opposition a non-official resolution demanding the transfer of the Departments of Education, Medicine and Public Works to the control of popular Ministers.

Thirty-one members supported the resolution. The Government members as well as members of the Progressive Party remained neutral.

Sir R. K. Shanmukham Chetty, Dewan-President, made a statement that successive stages of transfer to popular control were contemplated in the Constitution Act, that the experiment introduced already had proved a remarkable success and that they need have no misgivings that the Government would go back on what was clearly provided for in the Act. He assured the House that the provisions of the Act would be implemented to their logical conclusion and that it was best that they left it to him as to when he should advise His Highness regarding the next step.—A. P.

MANY MUSLIMS 'STRONGLY OPPOSED TO PAKISTAN

Leaders' Efforts For Promoting Communal Unity In S. India

VELLORE, Jan. 30.

That there are a large number of Muslims who are "strongly opposed" to the Pakistan Scheme adumbrated by the Muslim League was the view expressed by Mr. Khathib Mahomed Usman Saheb, General Secretary of the Azad Muslims Association, Madras, and Mr. A. Khan, Managing Editor of the "United India", Salem, who are now here in the course of their tour undertaken in pursuance of their programme to promote Hindu-Muslim unity in South India.

The Muslim Leaders said that in the course of their tour they had ample opportunities of coming into contact with many cultured Muslim and Hindu gentlemen. There was none, they said, among them who did not desire Hindu-Muslim unity. Among the Muslims themselves, they added, they noticed persons who strongly disapproved the Pakistan Scheme. They urged that many more Muslims, men and women, should come forward at this moment, which would remove the ill-feeling that seemed to exist between Hindus and Muslims.—United Press.

Ceylon Rupee

COLOMBO, Jan. 30.

The State Council by 22 votes to 19 accepted a private member's amendment postponing for one year the Second Reading of the Financial Secretary's Bill to provide for the creation of Ceylon Rupee in the place of the Indian Rupee which is the present unit of value under the currency system.—A. P.

Track Notes From Mahaluxmi

Steel Helmet, Coeur de Lion And Pierrot In Grand Fettle

The following Gallops were observed at Mahaluxmi, in preparation for Saturday's Races by "Chronicle" Racing Correspondent:—

STEEL HELMET (Maxwell) and ILLUMINATE (Jadhav), galloped 9 furlongs on the race track in 2 mins. The former was better.

EL OBRO (Carr), galloped a mile on the race track in 1 min. 45 secs.

COEUR DE LION (Marrable), galloped 10 furlongs on the tan in 2 mins. 16 secs.

P. PASSE II (Morley) and TALMA (Evans), galloped a mile on the race track in 1 min. 45 secs. The former won easily.

PIERROT (Jones) F. HOUND (Brace) and CAERLOPTIC (F. Mahomed), galloped 10 furlongs on the tan in 2 mins. 12 3/5 secs. Pierrot won easily.

HARISCHANDRA (R. Boy) and G. OF KOLHAPUR (Sibbritt), galloped 9 furlongs on the tan in 2 mins. 1 sec.

DELPHI (Morley) and MONA LIZA (R. Boy), galloped 6 furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 20 secs.

MINISTRONE (Raffaele) and INFLATION (R. Boy), galloped 8 furlongs on the race track in 2 mins. The former won easily.

MORADABAD (N. Dawood) and GOLDEN MANTLE (Britt), galloped 9 furlongs on the race track in 2 mins.

MILITARY (Marrable), galloped a mile on the tan in 1 min. 45 secs.

G. GIRL (Brace) and LA CONCORDE (Marrable) galloped 6 furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 18 4/5 secs.

G. WITH THE WIND (R. Boy) and BLACK MAGIC (Evans), galloped 6 furlongs on the race track in 1 min. 19 secs.

HASSINA (R. Boy) and LIMELIGHT (Marrable), galloped 6 furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 19 secs.

APPLE JELLY (Raffaele) and B. IN THE BARN (Roberts), galloped 6 furlongs on the race track in 1 min. 18 secs.

MONOCLE (Morley) and RIGHT BET (Rosen), galloped 6 furlongs on the race track in 1 min. 19 secs.

ALBERTINE (Sibbritt), galloped 6 furlongs on the tan in 1 min 20 secs.

FABLE (Britt), galloped 6 furlongs. Well.

PRINCEP (Raffaele) and FRESH KID (R. Boy), galloped 6 furlongs on the race track in 1 min. 20 secs.

O. FLOWER (R. Boy) and T. KING (Sibbritt), galloped a mile on the race track in 1 min. 50 secs.

POM POM (Jones), OLIVER (Meekings) and HECTIC (Raffaele), galloped 6 furlongs on the race track in 1 min. 18 4/5 secs.

ISHTAY (Scanlan) and TOM TIT (K. Hassan), galloped a mile on the race track in 1 min. 50 secs.

D. SURI (Sibbritt), RABDAN (Britt) and DHIB AL SAHRA'A (N. Dawood), galloped 9 furlongs on the race track in 2 mins. 13 secs.

To Take Over Telephone Companies

Govt. Company Formed With D. G. Of Posts And Telegraphs As Head

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30.

A Conference has been held in New Delhi between the representatives of the Government of India and the Telephone Companies of Bombay, Calcutta and Madras, to settle preliminaries for the purchase of the shares of these companies by the Central Government.

It is proposed to carry out the purchase through the Agency of a Government Company, which has now been registered. It is explained that this device was adopted to overcome certain legal difficulties in the way of the Government acquiring these companies before the due date, namely 1943.

The Government proposals which were agreed to by the Conference are shortly to be placed before the shareholders of the three companies for their acceptance and the acquisition will only be made if the proposals are accepted by 75 per cent of the Shareholders.

The Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs is the Managing Director of the Government Company which is known as the Government Telephones Board.—A.P.

MAHARASHTRA TO CONTEST

POONA, Jan. 30.

The Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee has now decided to contest the election for both the seats from the Central Division of the Bombay Province in the Central Legislature declared vacant by the Governor-General. The names of the contesting candidates will be announced later.

Mr. Deogiriker, President of the M.P.C.C., who has just returned from Wardha, where he had been to see Mahatma Gandhi told the Associated Press that Dr. Rajendra Prasad has authorised the M.P.C.C. to contest the election.—A.P.

Labour Tribunals Conference

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30.

A two-day session of the Conference of the Presidents of Labour Tribunals commenced yesterday.

Mr. M. S. A. Hydari, Secretary, Labour Department, presided.

The Conference is intended to pool together the experience gained and decided as to the methods which are likely to lead to greater efficiency and utility of the tribunals. The Conference was attended by presidents of Tribunals for Madras, Bombay, Bengal, United Provinces, Bihar and Orissa, Central Provinces, the Punjab, Assam and Sind as also by representatives of the Railway Board and the Army Headquarters.—A. P.

Ranji Trophy: W. Z. Final

BOMBAY, Jan. 30.

The Western Zone Final in the Ranji Trophy Tournament between Maharashtra and Western India is scheduled to be played at Rajkot on Feb. 8th, 9th and 10th. The Thakore Saheb of Rajkot is not likely to lead the Western India, team, owing to indisposition.—A. P.

FAQIR OF IPI

In Touch With Enemy Influences In Afghanistan

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30.

Rumour is rife, says a report from the Frontier, that the Faqir of Ipi, who remains as bitterly hostile as ever, is now in touch with enemy influences in Afghanistan. There are indications that some of his adherents have questioned suggestions of this nature on the ground that they are untimely in the light of recent events in Africa and Albania.

Meanwhile, propaganda activities of the considerable German colony in Afghanistan are becoming more noticeable and large numbers of leaflets and pamphlets are circulating in various parts of the country and filtering into the tribal area.

The Faqir was at Gorwekht during the Id week, and there he received visits from tribesmen of the agencies and from Afghanistan.—A. P.

WILL HITLER POSTPONE INVASION?

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amined and his Department was considering the best way of bringing work to women who could not be moved from where they lived instead of transferring them to work.

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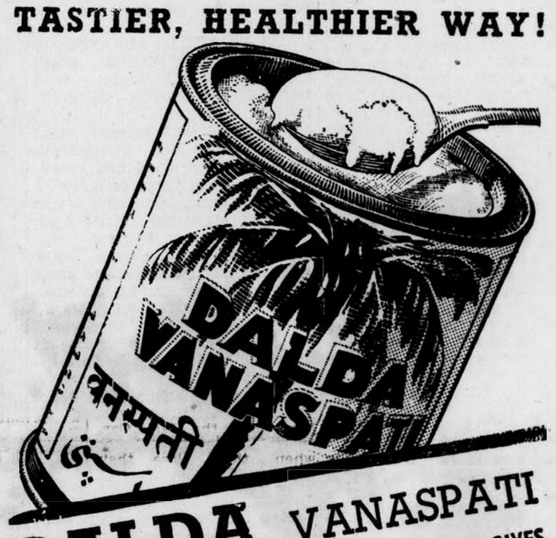

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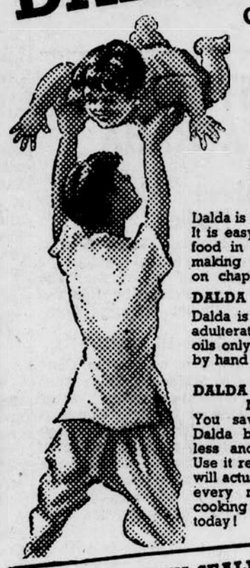

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Magistrate's Tirade Against Congress

INDIAN LEADERS 'LACK COMMON SENSE'!

"Sheep Category" Of Satyagrahis

"The political advance of a country requires common sense and this is lacking in Indian leadership," remarked Mr. R. Galletti, Joint Magistrate, Gudur, while trying Congress Satyagrahis.

The Magistrate asked them several questions on their intention in repeating slogans and said they seemed to belong to the "sheep category." Later he convicted them.

It will be remembered that a few days ago the same official remarked uttering slogans was not a "prejudicial act" under the Defence of India Rules and acquitted them.

MADRAS, Jan. 29.

According to the Gudur correspondent of the "Hindu", five Satyagrahis who were directed by the District Magistrate, Nellore, to be produced before Mr. R. Galletti, I.C.S., Joint Magistrate, Gudur, for taking their trial, were produced before him at Podalakur where he was camping on Monday evening.

The Magistrate took up the case against one of them first and, during the hearing, put a few questions touching the evidence and the general aspects of the Defence of India Act. The accused was also asked why he offered Satyagraha, whether he did it of his own volition or under a mandate from above. The accused said he was an authorised Satyagrahi acting under orders of the Provincial Congress Committee.

The Magistrate also put a few questions to the accused about his intention in repeating the slogans and remarked that the accused seemed to belong to the "sheep category" of Satyagrahis.

Observing that he had no mind to take a serious view of the accused's act, the Magistrate asked the accused to furnish a bond and appear before him at Gudur next day. The accused declined to execute a bond and thereafter the Magistrate remanded him to custody.

The Magistrate then took up the next case and adjourned that case also for the next day. The Magistrate reminded the accused and others, whomsoever it might concern, that those who asked him to shout these slogans as well as those who organised the demonstrations were all liable for abetment, if his act amounted to a "Prejudicial Act."

ATTACK ON LEADERS.

Before rising, the Magistrate said that the movement in India was proceeding along wrong lines. India should have got self-Government within ten years from 1920 but the Congress had led the country astray and if India got a Constitution in 1935 that was not satisfactory, she got only what she deserved.

THE POLITICAL ADVANCE OF A COUNTRY REQUIRED COMMON SENSE AND THIS WAS LACKING IN INDIAN LEADERSHIP.

He advised the accused that he would give him constructive suggestions for social and economic work if he cared to ask.

The Correspondent adds that the Joint Magistrate after adjourning the case left for Nellore for consultation, it is said, with the District Magistrate about Satyagraha cases in his division.

Mr. R. Galletti, Joint Magistrate, Gudur, disposed off five Satyagraha cases on Wednesday, he convicted three and acquitted the other two.

Mr. Anupalli Subbarami Reddi was sentenced till the rising of the court and fined Rs. 1,000.

Mr. J. Subbayya was sentenced till the rising of the court and fined Rs. 250.

Mr. Venkataratnam was sentenced till the rising of the court and fined annas four.

Messrs. Venkataraman A Reddi and Venkatesan were acquitted.—A. P.

Mr. Vinodchandra C. Shah M.A., LL.B., and Mr. Ambashanker N. Patel B.A. LL.B., Pleaders and Congress workers of Jambusar who offered Satyagraha and were arrested on Wednesday, in Jambusar.

ALL MEMBERS MUST BE PREPARED FOR SATYAGRAHA

A. I. C. C. Instructions About Congress Policy In Local Bodies

WARDHAGANJ, Jan. 29.

The A.I.C.C., office has issued the following instructions for all Congressmen for being ready for Satyagraha when necessary:—

"The question of local bodies and the policy to be adopted with regard to them in respect of Satyagraha have been fully discussed by Mahatma Gandhi with Babu Rajendra Prasad and the following instructions have been issued:

Conditions differ so vastly from province to province and even from district to district within the same province that it is not possible to lay down a uniform policy to be pursued by the Congress members of municipalities and local boards. Some general principles which should guide the determination of policy may be indicated and should be followed by the Provincial Congress Committee.

CONTINUE IN OFFICE

In local bodies where the Congress has a majority and that majority continues even after some members of the Congress party have on their application been considered fit and selected for offering civil disobedience, the Congress party should continue in office and carry on the administration of the board provided,

(1) That the local body is not required to do anything against the general policy and programme of the Congress and

(2) That smooth and efficient running of affairs of the board is assured.

In local bodies where as a result of some members offering satyagraha or for any other reason Congress majority becomes a minority and the local body concerned does anything contrary to the Congress policy and programme, the Congress members should resign.

Even though there may be a congress majority, if members wrangle among themselves or otherwise fail to attend to the affairs of their board, they should be withdrawn.

NO LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

A person offering Satyagraha whether he is an ordinary member of the local body or holds any executive office, should not be given leave of absence if such granting of leave involves strained interpretation of the law on the point. In all such cases the ordinary law or by-law governing absence should be allowed to take its course.

In deciding whether a resultant by-election should be contested or not, regard is to be had to the prevailing condition of the locality concerned and to the effect such contest would have on the general working of the Congress programme. In no case will the provincial office incur financial liability for conducting elections.

It is expected that Congressmen elected to local bodies on the Congress ticket will fulfil conditions laid down for Civil Disobedience and be ready to offer Civil Disobedience themselves if required to do so. If it is decided to retain control of a local body in the hands of Congress members, it is open to the provincial committee to withhold permission from individuals whose presence it considers necessary for smooth and efficient administration of a local body even though they be considered fit for Civil Disobedience".—A. P.

Arrested Under Defence Rules

While he was going along Vithalbhai Patel Road with a Congress Flag and anti-war poster, one Velloo Koilloo was arrested by the Maharbouri police under the Defence of India Rules yesterday afternoon.

He was produced to-day before Mr. K. J. Khambhatta, Presidency Magistrate Girgaum Court, who ordered him to be released on bail till 13-2-41.

296 CONVICTIONS IN ANDHRA

Balance-Sheet For 13 Days' Satyagraha Submitted To Mahatma

MADRAS, Jan. 30.

Two hundred and ninety-six persons offered satyagraha and were convicted in Andhra Desa between January 6 and January 19, according to the report which the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee has sent to Mahatma Gandhi.

The report says that in addition to imprisonment, the total amount of fine imposed on them amounted to Rs. 26,130. Of this number 46 were placed in "B" class and the rest in "C" class.—A. P.

Convictions In Tamil Nad And Andhra

MADRAS, Jan. 30.

Following further Satyagraha convictions and arrests have been reported from districts:—

GUNTUR:—K. V. Sundara Rao, Advocate, 4 months' R.I. and fine of Rs. 200, in default further two months' R.I. placed in 'B' Class.

ELLORE:—Mr. B. Rajabhushana Rao, Advocate three months' R.I. placed in 'B' Class.

Mr. U. Seetharama Raju, President of the Ellore Taluk Congress Committee, three months' R.I. and fine of Rs. 200 in default further three months' R.I. placed in 'B' Class.

Dr. D. Rajasekhara Rao, three months' R.I. placed in 'B' Class.

SALEM:—Mr. I. Subbaroya Odayar, Merchant, six months' R. I. placed in 'C' Class. Mr. S. R. Hanumantha Rao, Secretary, Namakal Taluk Congress six months' R.I. placed in 'C' Class.

CHIDAMBARAM:—Mr. U. C. Rajagopalan, Member, Provincial Congress Committee, two months' R.I. placed in 'C' Class.

MADANPALLE:—Mr. Putti Alwar Chetty President of the Town Congress Committee Chittoor and Municipal Councillor sentenced till the rising of the Court and fined Rs. 500 in default five months' R.I.—A.P.

75-Year-Old Satyagrahi Convicted

MADRAS, Jan. 30.

A Tanaku report says Mr. Kolla Venkataramayya aged 75, of Palacole, in Narsapur Taluk, who was arrested for offering Satyagraha was sentenced by the Sub-Collector, Narsapur to imprisonment till the rising of the Court and fined Rs. 50|- in default two days' imprisonment.—A.P.

IN WARDHA VILLAGES

WARDHA, Jan. 30.

Mr. Chawhan of Kupgaon in Arvi Taluk was sentenced to imprisonment till the rising of the court and fine of Rs. 75 for offering Satyagraha.

Bapurao Babulkar who was fined Rs. 100 this week for offering Satyagraha, again offered Satyagraha to-day in Bhankheda village and was arrested

Mr. Gangabishanji Sikchi, B.A., LL.B., Chairman, Amraoti District Council, Amraoti District Congress Committee and Joint Board, Berar, a prominent worker of Amraoti, was arrested on January 26, on the occasion of the Flag hoisting ceremony at the Cotton Market, before offering Satyagraha. He was sentenced to detention till the rising of the Court and a fine of Rs. 500.

90 CONGRESSMEN TO OFFER SATYAGRAHA

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Provisional lists of Satyagrahis both from the City of Bombay and the Suburban District for the month of February and March are now ready.

According to the plans of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, about 90 Congressmen will offer Satyagraha in different wards of the city from the beginning of February to the end of March. About 15 batches each composed of two or three Congressmen, it is understood, will offer Satyagraha within the city limits every alternate day. Most of the 90 Satyagrahis are drawn from among the members of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee and the seven District Congress Committees.

The list of Satyagrahis from the Suburban District for the month of February includes about 14 persons most of whom are members of the Suburban District Congress Committee.

Three Congressmen Send Intimation

BOMBAY: Thursday.

Mr. Shamji Jairam Sachde, member of the "C" Ward District Congress Committee and Mr. Gulab R. Shroff, a local Congress worker sent intimation to the Commissioner of Police to-day of their intention to offer Satyagraha in the city to-morrow.

Mr. Sachde proposes to shout anti-war slogans near the office of the "C" Ward District Congress Committee, Kalbadevi at 9 a.m. while Mr. Shroff proposes to offer satyagraha at Vithalbhai Patel Road, near the Congress House at 9 a.m.

In the Bombay Suburban District, Mr. Laxman Manik Mhatre proposes to offer Satyagraha at Dahisar at 9-15 a.m. to-morrow.

Jail And Fine For Thana Congressman

(From Our Correspondent)

THANA, Jan. 30.

Mukund Jiwan Sankhe of Manor, a well-known Congress worker, Thana District Local Board member and a member of the District Forest Advisory Committee who had offered "Satyagraha" at Mokhada on the 29th, was convicted to-day in jail by the Kalyan Prant Sub-Divisional Magistrate and sentenced to suffer eight months' simple imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 25|- or in default to undergo a further period of 15 days' S.I. Mr. Sankhe has been given "B" class.

JAIPRAKASH NARAIN ARRESTED

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. Jaiprakash Narain, General Secretary of the All-India Congress Socialist Party was arrested at his Bombay residence at Walkeshwar Road at 2-15 this afternoon.

The arrest is understood to have been effected under a warrant issued by the U. P. Government.

Poona Convictions

POONA, Jan. 30.

Messrs. R. B. Ghorpade, B. M. Tharkunde, G. D. Mullik and S. A. Ghare who were arrested for offering Satyagraha by shouting anti-war slogans were tried today and were convicted and sentenced to six months' simple imprisonment each.

Mrs. Satyabhamabai Lagu who was also arrested for the same offence was convicted and sentenced to 2 days' simple imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 200 in default to undergo three months' simple imprisonment.—A.P.

S. T. Patil Arrested

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 30.

Mr. Shankarbhai Tulsibhai Patel was arrested to-day while offering Satyagraha at Jetalpur village in Ahmedabad District.—Mr. Panalal Zaveri who was arrested at Thaltej village of Ahmedabad District was sentenced today to six months' simple imprisonment. He was given "C" Class.

VIDYA KUMARI CONVICTED

Husband Appears As Prosecution Witness

LAHORE, Jan. 30.

Shrimati Vidya Kumari, a prominent local Congress worker, who was arrested yesterday under the Defence of India Rules, was convicted and sentenced to-day by a local Magistrate to imprisonment till the rising of the court and a fine of Rs. 50 in default to undergo simple imprisonment for one month. She refused to pay the fine and preferred jail.

An interesting feature of the case was that her husband appeared as a prosecution witness. He stated that he had delivered her notice to the District Magistrate intimating him of her intention to offer Satyagraha.—A.P.

War On Indians In Ceylon!

CRUSADE AGAINST "CRUSHING OF NATIONALS OF COUNTRY"

Demand For Legislation To Repatriate Half Of 8 Lacks Of Indians

COLOMBO, January 28.

Immediate steps should be taken by the Legal Secretary to introduce legislation to restrict immigration to Ceylon, stated Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, in the course of his address this morning to the conference of delegates of the Sinhala Maha Sabha.

Mr. Bandaranaike, declared that the Sinhala Maha Sabha should without fear or favour work wholeheartedly, sincerely and honestly "to crush the Indian oppression of the nationals of this country."

There were to-day 800,000 Indians in the Island and they should endeavour to see that at least half of them were sent back to India in the best interests of the country.—A. P.

DEFENCE OF POLITICALS

Lahore H. C. Bar Committee Files Another Petition

LAHORE, Jan. 30

The Committee for defending the cases of political prisoners appointed by the Lahore High Court Bar Association has filed another revision petition against the conviction and sentence of two years under the Defence of India Rules on Choudhry Krishna Gopal Dutt, Deputy Leader of the Congress Assembly Party, before Mr. Justice Skemp who issued a notice to the Crown and ordered an early date for hearing to be fixed.

This is the third case to be defended by the Committee, the two others being of Mian Iftikhar-ud-Din, President of the Punjab Provincial Congress, and Mr. Bhimsen Sachhar, M.L.A.—United Press.

The Half-Column "By Dim"

Today I feel like shouting from the house-tops. It is because of a letter I unexpectedly received from a prominent Bombay businessman who happened to read in this "Half Column" what I wrote about the work done for lepers in India. And with it is a cheque for Rs. 100 with a request that it should be forwarded on to the proper quarters. At reading this letter I could not help feeling pleased that something I wrote had brought to a portion of suffering humanity a little relief, which they so much wanted. I had not asked for money and, therefore, the spontaneous gesture of this very fine gentleman, (who prefers that his name is not mentioned) will be all the more appreciated. It is the finest thing that has happened since this "Half Column" began. The cheque has been forwarded to the Honorary Treasurer for Bombay of the Indian Auxiliary.

And now with the added strength I've gained from the above paragraph, I wish to tell the P.W.D. that if they do not do something about painting the entrance to the A.I.R. white someone is going to fall down and break his head as I did the other day. According to the decision in Rylands v Fletcher I think the P.W.D. or Government would be liable for damages. There is a huge ornamental slab—two slabs to be exact—attached to the steps leading to the entrance. These are terribly dangerous because no one can see them in the dark. The P.W.D. must either arrange to paint these white or have lamps put on them. But it is a shocking state of affairs that this department of Government has done nothing about it, although its attention has already been drawn to the fact that people visiting this building have fallen over it before. Will the P.W.D. do something about this and soon?

Charlie Chan Detective Story Day By Day

WELL, LOOK WHAT I SEE

BANANA BOAT MYSTERY

FINDING SHALLET'S DOOR OPEN, DAVID ENTERS THE CABIN TO INVESTIGATE.
AT THAT MOMENT SHALLET ARRIVES WITH CHARLIE AND KIRK....
Alfred Andriola
10-2
WHAT RIGHT HAVE YOU IN HERE? WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HOW DID YOU GET IN? ANSWER ME!
IF YOU GIVE ME ONE QUESTION AT A TIME IT WOULD BE A LOT SIMPLER—
DON'T BE INSOLENT! WHAT RIGHT HAVE YOU IN MY CABIN?
WHY—NONE—OF COURSE!
YOU SEE—HE ADMITS HE'S TRESPASSING—
JUST A MINUTE—MR. SHALLET! I SAW YOUR DOOR OPEN—IT SEEMED STRANGE SO I STEPPED IN TO SEE WHY—
I KNOW YOU ALWAYS LOCK YOUR MACAW IN—
HEY! FOR THE LOVE OF MIKE! LOOK HERE!
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